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## Bethel's Chris Gould nominated for national culinary award

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A chef who got his start at the Bethel Inn washing dishes has had his Portland restaurant nominated for a prestigious James Beard Foundation award.

Chris Gould, a 2002 graduate of Gould Academy, is the co-owner with his wife, Paige, of the Central Provisions restaurant. They opened the business last year, and have been nominated along with six other restaurants for the Best New Restaurant in the country.

The other restaurants are in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Minneapolis.

Gould said he is thrilled to be nominated, but acknowledges that because of the format of the award his restaurant "is an underdog, to say the least."

According to the foundation's website, the James Beard Foundation "celebrates, nurtures, and honors America's diverse culinary heritage through programs that educate and inspire. A cookbook author and teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge about food, James Beard, who died in 1985, was a champion of American cuisine. He helped educate and mentor generations of professional chefs and food enthusiasts, instilling in them the value of wholesome, healthful, and delicious food."

Gould said restaurants are See Award, Page 3



**PREPPING FOR THE MOOSE FESTIVAL**—Last week Ron Fournier from the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp went to the Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel to teach fourth- and fifth-graders about moose, in anticipation of the Moose Festival and Lottery planned for Bethel in June. The kids learned about how the animal's size protects it, how well moose hear and how poorly they see, how they float well in water because of their hollow hair shafts and how they behave with each other and humans. Afterward Fournier gave the youngsters a lesson in moose calls for both male and female moose, then had volunteers come up to the microphone to try it. For more photos see Page 6.

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## Casablanca plans are progressing

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Plans by Courtney and Mike Bennett to reopen the Casablanca Cinema in Bethel moved forward last week with a bank approval for a loan, Courtney Bennett said Friday.

They are fundraising toward a goal of \$100,000 to reopen two of the four theaters at the Casablanca, which closed in 2012.

The money is needed to upgrade the projectors from 35 millimeter film to digital.

Fundraising so far has yielded about \$10,000, Bennett said. "We've had a lot of help from the community," she said. She is working on a lease for the proper-

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## Woodstock goes back to the drawing board on boat ramp

BY ALISON ALOISIO

With hope dimming for a proposed boat ramp site on North Pond, Woodstock selectmen and people interested in pond access met Tuesday to discuss other options.

The current access, right off Route 26 in Woodstock, will be closed by the Maine Department of Transportation because it is considered too dangerous.

Several people who attended Tuesday's meeting agreed with that assessment.

Summer residents Dan and Mary Stearns were among them. "It's pretty dangerous putting a boat in," said Dan Stearns. He said he usually does it early in the morning or later at night, when there is less road traffic.

Ron Fournier, director of the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond, said he brings kids out on the lake often, and in using the access with them, "your heart is pounding trying to get the kids off the road quickly."

He also said someone needs

to stand across the street from the access point to watch for traffic while another person puts a boat in.

And, he said, when his camp brings Telstar High School students by bus to do educational programs on the pond in the winter, there is no place to park. "The bus must stop in the middle of the road, and the kids are diving over the snowbank to get to the ice quickly," he said.

Woodstock officials thought last month that they

might have found a solution in the purchase of property adjacent to the current site, with the idea of accessing it from nearby Rocky Road. But, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield, further study has shown that would probably not work, and in addition, neighboring property owners do not like the idea.

"It's probably not going to happen," he said.

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conserva-

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## Bryant Pond Universalist Church may change hands

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Woodstock Historical Society will consider Saturday whether to take ownership of the Bryant Pond Universalist Church building.

The church, built in 1852, has not hosted services for about a decade. The property has been owned by the Northern New England District of the Unitarian Universalist Church Association since 1921.

The association's agent, Charlie Boothby, met with Woodstock selectmen Tuesday, along with Bryant Pond Universalist Church treasurer Ed Howe and Woodstock Historical Society Vice President Wayne Howe.

"We're looking to turn [the church] back to the local folks," Boothby said. "We want to find out who is most responsive to owning it."

Wayne Howe said the town could take it over, or the WHS could. "I think we're willing to do what needs to be done," he said.

"If the Historical Society wants it, we're out of the picture," said Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

Ed Howe said the church has enough funds to care for the building for the foreseeable fu-

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**GOULD GRAD WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**—Gould Academy 2010 grad Troy Murphy of Bethel (and now Park City, Utah) won the U.S. Moguls skiing championship March 27 at the USANA U.S. Freestyle National Championships at Steamboat Resort, Colo. Murphy (center) is known for attempting a high degree of difficulty on the jumps portion of a moguls course. A member of the U.S. "B" Freestyle Ski Team, he is ranked 11th in World Cup competition, but hopes this recent performance will help him move up to the "A" team.

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## Letters

### PLEASE HELP WITH GREEN-UP DAY

To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 2, Bethel will hold its third annual Green-Up Day. The Bethel Conservation Commission invites groups and individuals to work together to clean up our public spaces after a winter's worth of waste emerges from the snowbanks.

After having a turnout of 40+ people last year, we are expanding the event to include new locations. Greener-Uppers may choose to meet at 9 a.m. at either Davis Park, Angevine Park, or Mount Will. The Mount Will crew will do trail work, while those meeting at the parks will remove litter from the surrounding areas. The more volunteers there are, the more ground we can cover! At around noon, we will meet back up at Davis Park, tally what is picked up, take pictures of it and the smiling volunteers, and celebrate the gift of caring for these beautiful places and the fun of doing it together.

The Commission will provide safety vests, trash bags, and a water station, as well as energy cookies to keep everyone going. We suggest that participants bring gloves and wear sturdy footwear. Pickup trucks would also be appreciated! Pat's Pizza will generously offer coupons to thank volunteers. If you have any questions, or want to let us know about another area you or your group would like to tackle, please contact Jessie Perkins, chair of the Conservation Commission, at 356-1883 or jessie@bethel-maine.com.

Thank you for your help in this effort and for all you do for our communities.

*The Bethel Conservation Commission  
Brendon Bass, Mike Broderick, Jackie Cressy, Jessie Perkins and Kevin Winsor*

### PTA MAYFAIR DONATIONS SOUGHT

To the Editor:

The Crescent Park School PTA is pleased to announce that we are hosting the Mayfair again on Saturday, May 9 at the elementary school. As part of the Mayfair, we will again have a fundraising raffle, and are seeking donations of services for raffle winners. Suggested services include: Lawn mowing, Raking/Yard work, Stacking wood, Dog walking, Haircut, Massage, Car wash/vacuum, Rototilling, Babysitting, Bake a cake, House cleaning, Weeding, Mani/Pedi, Window washing, Picnic lunch, etc. If you are willing to donate one of these services, or something similar, please call Callie Pecunies at 207-890-9426, send an e-mail to callie.pecunies@gmail.com, or leave the information, including your contact information, on the forms located at the CPS office.

The festivities will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include food and fun activities, including a Bike Rodeo with giveaways and free tune-up services available. Please check our Facebook page Crescent Park School PTA for more information.

*Callie Pecunies  
Crescent Park PTA Events Committee Chair*

### PRIDE AND SHAME

To the Editor:

After 10 years of work, time and a lot of money and donations, the Gilead Historical Society is nearing completion of restoration activities of two of the town's iconic buildings. Few towns have the good fortune to have people with a connection to a place, past or present, to enhance its appearance in such a way.

**PRIDE:** As with many organizations, the actual work comes down to a small but dedicated group of people willing to carry out the yearly and daily activities and they are proud of what they have accomplished.

As an unofficial caretaker for the society's buildings and grounds, etc., I've enjoyed being able to have something to keep me busy at this time of my life. There have been a few obstacles to overcome and most got worked out with cooperation and goodwill.

The past few years, there is one obstacle that persists with no foreseeable resolution. Now at 69 years old and not as healthy as I'd like to be, it is time to let someone else deal with this.

**SHAME:** It is a shame that all this good work seems to be wasted in a town that has so many people, who basically could care less about the appearance of the center of their town. This is sorely obvious, in my opinion, with how the lot was treated these past few winters with careless snowplowing and little consideration for what the Society has done to improve the property.

A simple solution regarding this obstacle would be to treat the Historical Society lot with the respect it deserves. This probably is not going to happen, so let the gravel and sod continue to pile up in front of what should be a showplace.

*Hugh G. Chapman  
Gilead*

### CLEAN ELECTIONS AND TPP

To the Editor:

Much of America is watching Maine for its successes in championing the concept of Free Elections. The motive behind that is that We the People are responsible for controlling our collective fate. That founding concept is now grievously threatened by seemingly limitless money poured in by corporate and special interests, some of it from well outside our borders.

The highly secretive TPP "agreement" now being negotiated behind closed doors is the poster child for the global corporatism movement in all its cancerous manifestations. Recent leaks have confirmed the worst fears of well-informed observers. It threatens our sovereign rights to conduct the business of our democracy unimpeded by forces beyond our borders. We the People have no choice. We must join with our informed leadership to react powerfully as a truly united population of responsible, determined citizens to defeat this danger to our American way of life. Failing to act now is unacceptable.

The global crash of 2008 was just a precursor of what's to come if we don't act to regain control of our governance. It should be no surprise that such calamities are brought to you by the same entities that are buying out our government at all levels. Getting corporate and special interest money out of our electoral process is a powerful first step, but we must not stop there. We MUST constantly make our awareness and demands known to our elected officials from now on. It is our primary and abiding duty as American citizens – and we must act NOW.

*Seabury Lyon  
Bethel*

## From the Bethel Town Manager

BY CHRISTINE M. LANDES

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel. As I write this bi-weekly column I have the back door to my office open, a gentleman just came to the office on his motorcycle and the birds are chirping away. I also saw some kids clearing the snow from the skateboard park this week and others in town walking with skateboards in hand headed to the park. The weather is teasing us today, as tomorrow the forecast is for snow. I told someone recently that I have fallen in love with this area, but it will be great to finally see green grass, as when I arrived there was snow on the ground. Could spring finally be knocking on our door?

The town office employees have recently developed a "What's Up in Bethel Maine" Facebook page. The page will be used for all residents, visitors and friends of Bethel to become informed of events and happenings occurring in our town. The first four days we had 66 likes! This tells me that people want to know what is going on and how they can become involved. Please make sure you like our page.

Recently the Board of Selectmen agreed to support BANC's (Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative) efforts to have a panel report conducted in town. Urban Land Institute will visit our town and prepare an executive summary that will touch on concerns regarding the future of Bethel; provide insight and assessment on a range of issues the panel decides upon; serve up some strategies for the concerns and objectives presented; and allocate some ideas and steps to help our town with continued growth and success. I believe this project is a great idea for a couple of reasons. First of all there is no cost to the town as it is supported through grants, stakeholders and developers. Secondly, we get the benefit of the report to tell us where we need to concentrate our efforts on development, what our future holds in store and what the issues we need to address are. I will keep you updated on this project.

At the March 23 Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Board decided not to accept any of the bids on the airport vegetation removal project. It was our understanding that FAA funds could not be allocated as they were used previously in the past. However, we have now learned that we may be able to secure some funding as the last vegetation removal project was over a decade ago. As this bid process started late, it will now be fall before we are able to move forward once again, as all removal needs to be done under frozen ground to minimize damage to the landowners affected. Stay tuned for updates.

The Town's Recreation Director has submitted her resignation. This position was approved last year by the voters. Working towards common goals and objectives, the Recreation Board and my office have been updating the job description. If anyone is interested in applying please stop by the office. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 17.

As a reminder the next installment of the 2015 taxes will be due on May 1, 2015. If there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

## Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

**10 years ago:** About 30 area emergency personnel teamed up with game wardens and Life Flight paramedics to rescue an injured rock climber on Woodstock's Bald Mountain.

Sarah Gamble, who represented the state of Maine, was selected as Ms. Congeniality at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC.

**Births:** Riley Elizabeth Jerome, Corinne Rose Nivus, Emily Evangeline Cummings, Olivia Belle Seames, Zowie Elizabeth Tew, Silas Fredrick Timm.

**Deaths:** Tyne Johanna Kyllonen, Arthur R. Gilbert, Howard L. Abbott, Frederick R. Ebert.

**20 years ago:** The SAD 44 School Board elected Merton Brown as its new chairman, replacing Margaret Hand who had served in that position for five years.

Betsy Doyon and Paula Wheeler of Maine Handicapped Skiing were named to the Blaine House Conference on Volunteerism Committee.

**Birth:** Holden Jake Bean.

**Deaths:** Viva Y. Whitman, Paul A. Judkins, Sr.

**30 years ago:** Thieves broke into Newry's new town office and took a chainsaw and chain, and an unspecified amount of cash.

Matthew Laban was the state fly-tying winner, Junior division, at the Maine Sportsmen's Show at the Augusta Civic Center.

**Birth:** Jedd True Brown.

**Deaths:** Vincent T. Chapman, Louise Buswell, Hazel S. Brooks.

**40 years ago:** Merton "Bertie" Conner announced his retirement as maintenance superintendent at the Bethel Inn after 42 years of employment.

Bethel's new Community Health Center, located in the basement of the Gould Academy infirmary, opened April 14, with Robert Girard, PA available by appointment.

**Birth:** Carla Anahid Eypner.

**Deaths:** Marion W. Kimball, Augusta M. Lisherness, Addie L. Campbell, Frank C. Dresser, Harrie Stevens.

**50 years ago:** Stephen Dock was accepted to participate in the Hamilton College Junior Year in France Program.

Oakley Godwin resigned as Bethel's night officer, due to ill health.

**Birth:** Christopher Edward Lord.

**Death:** Fred J. Lovejoy.

**60 years ago:** George Taylor was appointed constable for night duty in and about the Bethel Village Corporation.

Ken Ellis, station manager of WRUM radio, announced the station would carry play-by-play broadcasts of all Red Sox baseball games.

**Birth:** Joan Ellen Greenleaf.

**Death:** Elden G. Garey.

**70 years ago:** Dexter Stowell was cast as The Pirate King in Gould Academy's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance."

The ice left Songo Pond April 9.

**Deaths:** Hannah Harrington, Ella J. Berry.

**80 years ago:** Edward Warren made extensive changes to Bear River T House and grounds.

The Gould Academy Class of 1935 presented "My Wild Irish Rose" in the William Bingham Gymnasium.

**Births:** Harold Huston Brown, Barbara Elizabeth Cole.

**Death:** George Deering.

**90 years ago:** While sawing wood with a gasoline engine outfit, Alfred J. Peaslee had the misfortune to lose his left hand.

The Shooting Stars of Andover were defeated 34 to 10 by the Rumford basketball team. A record crowd attended the game at the town hall.

**Death:** Henriette B. Hyde.

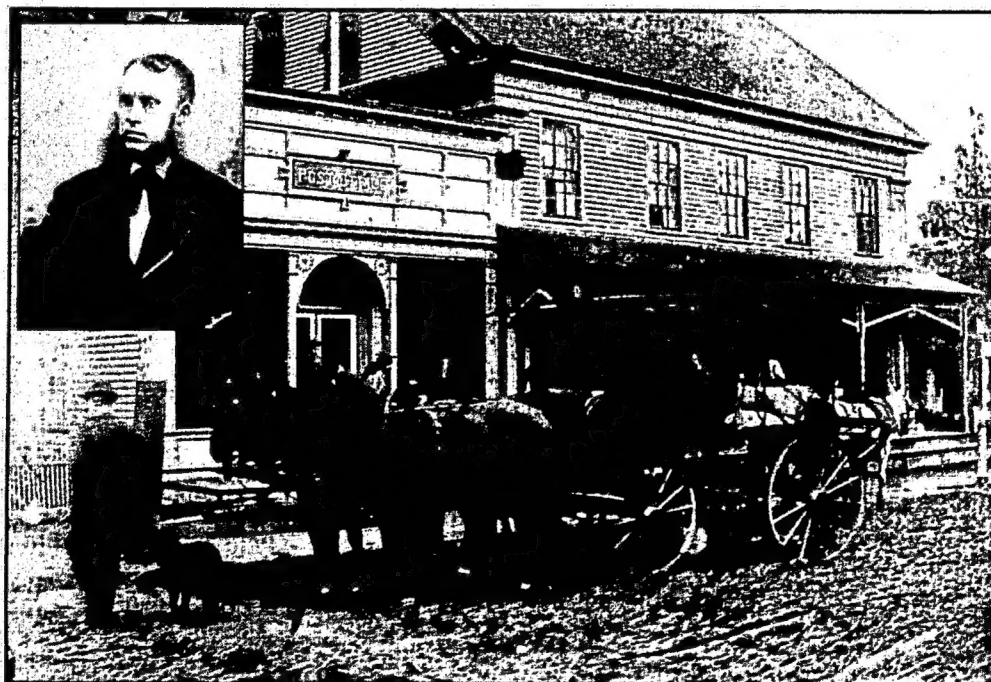
**110 years ago:** Mr. W.E. Littlehale was nearly recovered from injuries received when he fell under a pile of rolling pulp and was badly bruised.

Work on the new Grange hall at East Bethel had commenced.

River drivers were impatiently waiting for a heavy rainfall.

## The Bethel Journals

### Goodwin Wiley and the Wiley Block



The 1893 Post Office built by Wiley and the main Wiley/Swift block of stores and drug store. Inset: Goodwin Wiley.

*Bethel Historical Society*

BY REP. FRAN HEAD

Goodwin Wiley did not build the Wiley Block; he married into it. He married Matilda Swift, daughter of Newton Swift who came to Bethel from Norway, Newton Swift's building housed Swift's Store and the post office so that it became known as the Swift Block. Goodwin Wiley and Matilda Swift married in 1869 and Wiley began his drug store and pharmacy business that year in the "Swift Block".

From then on it is hard to identify someone more essential to Bethel's development than Goodwin Wiley. His clerical, bookkeeping and management skills were valued by the Gould Academy trustees. Wiley was Secretary to the Board of Trustees, clerk of the Bethel Village Corporation after it was formed in 1889. Wiley was also one of the original stockholders and clerk of the Bethel Dairying Company formed in 1892 until it became the Bethel Creamery Company. In 1893 when Wiley was appointed Bethel's Post Master, he built a new post office as an annex to the Swift/Wiley Block. After the new P.O. opened Bethel was upgraded from fourth class to presidential class as postal business expanded. It is most recently occupied by Stone Mountain Mortgage.

Goodwin Wiley was born in Bethel January 13, 1846 and died in Shawnee, Oklahoma April 3, 1911. He was the son and fourth child of Dr. Robert and Abigail Twitchell Wiley. The senior Wileys lived in the same house that now is the Steam Mill Antiques owned by Jay Boschetti. Dr. Wiley carried on his medical practice for over 50 years. His son Goodwin attended Gould Acad-

emy, Eastman Commercial College in Poughkeepsie, NY, and the Maine Medical College (Bowdoin College). After Goodwin Wiley became established in his business they built an elegant home on the Church Street lot next to Gould Academy's lot. After Goodwin Wiley retired, they moved to Oklahoma. Their house was first bought by E.C. Bowler, Bethel News owner, and then in 1908 by Liberty Holden who gave the building to Gould Academy for use as a dormitory.

Returning to the Wiley Drug Store, his stock differed from the stock we knew in the days of the Alton Carroll, Clukey, Prim and Preb era. G.R. Wiley's store also stocked paints, oils, turpentine, brushes, paper hangings, curtains and fixtures, fishing tackle, confectionaries, tobacco, cigars and office supplies. Town office supplies were purchased from Wiley.

As secretary of the Gould Academy Board of Trustees, Wiley had prime responsibilities for student admissions and funding academy expenses. One of his aims was turning the academy into a Free High School. In the late 1880s and early 90s, men who made up the town's voters were first of all money conscious and for the most part seemed to agree that grade school funding was more important than attending high school at tax payer expense. (Bethel schools were in the process of changing from district to town schools.) In 1890 voters were against a proposal for the town to buy Gould Academy and make it a free high school. In 1892's town meeting, Goodwin Wiley made a motion from

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# Notes from the State House

BY REP. FRAN HEAD

I recently had the privilege of meeting with the Governor of Ohio, John Kasich, in Gov. LePage's cabinet room. We spoke about the need to balance the budget at the federal level, and the importance of getting our fiscal house in order. Kasich is a former member of Congress and was chairman of the House Budget Committee from 1995 until 2001. There, he was one of the architects of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. "Without the balanced budget requirement, presidents are going to come and presidents are going to go and the debt will keep growing," Kasich told reporters during a joint news conference in LePage's Cabinet room. "We need to change the culture of that town [Washington, D.C.]."

Do you know the dollar amount of how far we, as Americans, are in debt? Over 18 trillion dollars. This burden will quickly shift onto our children and grandchildren unless we correct our spending patterns.

Ohio Gov. Kasich is calling for a federal balanced budget initiative. If members of congress refuse to address this problem, then Article V of our Constitution allows for individual states - acting together - to make a change. Thirty-four states can join in calling for a convention and at that convention an amendment can be written to require the federal government to balance its budget every year. Then, if that amendment is approved by 38 states, it becomes part of the Constitution.

The reason which I feel so strongly about a balanced budget amendment is because as a state lawmaker, I am tasked with holding spending at affordable levels. We are, in turn, asking for municipalities to sharpen their pencils and find new efficiencies to save money. Just as everyday citizens sit at the kitchen table and make financial decisions our own government should also be held responsible for passing a balanced budget.

Right now, the plan is to have Senate President Michael Thibodeau propose a joint resolution in the Maine Legislature to have Maine join the 27 other states, including New Hampshire, to sign on to the convention.

In our meeting last week, Gov. LePage said the convention was necessary because our country "suffers from an enormous debt that is going to prevent future Americans, your children, my children, our grandchildren, from experiencing the American dream as we know it."

I couldn't agree more, and will be wholeheartedly supporting the constitutional convention of states in order to send a strong message to Washington to balance our budget.

## Award

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nominated and voted upon for the award "by industry professionals, past winners, and the Beard Foundation. Each category has a different panel and no one knows who's nominated until it is announced. In order for you to vote for a restaurant of a chef, you must have been to the restaurant or have eaten the chef's food. That's why the majority of the winners historically have come from New York, Chicago, or San Francisco. Only three times have a restaurant not in those cities won and they were L.A., New Orleans, and D.C."

But the enthusiasm for Central Provisions in Portland is clear from the many positive magazine and newspaper articles on the restaurant's website.

The restaurant features small dishes and dining, much of it at stand-up in tapas-bar style.

The Citizen first wrote about Gould as an up-and-coming chef a decade ago, when he won the National Junior Chef of the Year Award.

He got his start at the Bethel Inn.

"I started working in restaurants my sophomore year of high school, '99, at the Bethel Inn & Country Club," he said by e-mail. "I was a dishwasher/prep cook, making salads and dressings, I really enjoyed the cooking part of the job. At the end of the summer Chef Steve Stone asked me if I would be back the following summer, to which I replied 'only if I was cooking on the line.'"

"The next summer I was on the line, working saute and grill crash course in cooking. Man, looking back it was really hard. When it came time for me to go to college I decided I really wanted to cook and go to culinary school, which at the time was not the cool thing to do. Chef Steve suggested the Bal-sams Culinary Apprenticeship program, which he had graduated from. I tried out and got one of 10 spots in the freshman class."

After graduation he went to Houston, Texas to work with a chef there for a year, then moved to Boston, where he worked for the next seven years at restaurants Clio, Coppa and Uni. While at Clio he met his wife, an intern at the time from the Culinary Institute of America.

The move to Portland to open their own restaurant was prompted by their love for Maine, as well as the lower costs, Gould said. And, he said, "The food scene in Portland is better I think; people are so creative. Not just chefs and restaurateurs but farmers, fishermen, potters, blacksmiths, brewers, distillers, the list goes on and on."

The Goulds used some creativity of their own in transforming the old, former provisions warehouse building in the Old Port into a res-



CHRIS GOULD at his Portland restaurant, Central Provisions. Gould is the son of Scott and Carol Gould of Bethel.

taurant. They gutted it, and used Maine craftsmen to build the furniture.

Asked what was the hardest part of opening a new restaurant, and how the result compared to his expectations, Gould said, "Restaurants have an extremely high start up cost, high overhead, and a very high rate of failure. So I think the stress of it all is tough. It takes a certain type of person to do it and most people would think we are crazy if they knew the half of it. The restaurant turned out exactly how I envisioned it. So many people told me that the style wouldn't work in Portland. That people wouldn't stand and eat in the bar at the drink rails. I thought that people in Portland were looking for something different and I was right, apparently."

The small plates menu features four basic categories: Raw, Cold, Hot, and Hearty, with examples including yellowfin tuna crudo, crab and waffles, spicy fried Maine potatoes and braised beef shoulder. Other menus include Drinks, Brunch & Lunch and Snacks & More.

Regardless of what happens when the Beard awards are announced on May 4 in Chicago, the Goulds and their new restaurant appear to have a very bright future, especially given the continuing inspiration Chris gets from cooking.

"I love that you can learn something new every day from anyone," he said. "There is no limit to the education."

For more on the restaurant go to <http://www.centralprovisions.com>.

## Ramp

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tion and Forestry had said it would provide a significant amount of funding to help purchase a property for access. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will not stock ponds with fish if they do not have public access.

Fournier, who is also a guide, said stocking has an economic effect, bringing people and business to the area. He said he brings families to North Pond to ice fish about 15 times a season.

Jane Chandler of the Woodstock Conservation Commission said that group has been looking at other options. She mentioned one brought up in the past - taking out Johnny's Bridge in Greenwood and putting access there. But, she said, "there's absolutely no parking."

Greenwood also borders on North Pond, and it is anticipated the town would share in costs for a new boat access.

Selectman Steve Bies wondered about raising or removing the bridge to allow larger boats to pass, and then have them use the current access on nearby Round Pond to get onto North Pond. Said Fournier, "That fixes some problems, but not all." He said the circuitous route from Round Pond is very shallow and filled with

stumps. It would also add a total of about an hour travel time for non-motorized boats to get to and from North Pond, and many such boaters want a more direct access, he said. Fournier also noted that an L.L. Bean program brings paddleboarders to the pond.

He also said that access is not a good option in the winter.

Chandler said the Conservation Commission has not yet found any suitable alternatives. But, she said, the group could do more research and possibly come back to selectmen with some specific proposals.

She said funding an access point should also include public contributions, such as from property owners around the pond.

Jim Chandler also said some sort of land swap might be a possibility. He has also begun researching grant possibilities.

Selectmen agreed to have

# Remembering Wayne Hakala

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Hundreds of family members and friends gathered at American Legion Jackson-Silver Post #68 in Locke's Mills on Saturday to remember Wayne Hakala of Greenwood.

The location was appropriate: Wayne, who passed away on March 26 after a two-year battle with cancer, was a 39-year American Legion member.

He had served as Post Commander for eight years, and in 2013 was named Maine State Legionnaire of the Year. At the time of his death, he was also serving as the American Legion's Department of Maine Fifth District Commander for Oxford County.

Between regular meetings and numerous special events and functions, the Legion hall on the Gore Road has been like a second home to both Wayne and his wife, Anita, a Legion Auxiliary member who heads up the meal preparation crew for Bingo nights, supper dances, and other events.

Saturday's memorial service incorporated rituals from the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge, and the Greenwood Fire Department, all organizations in which Wayne was an active member, as well as a rifle salute by members of the Air Force Honor Guard, in recognition of his 20 years of military service.

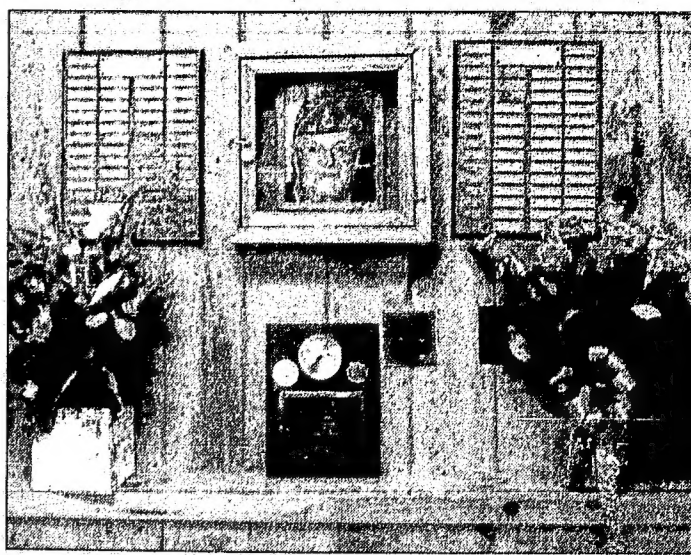
"A real Maine guy" Wayne was born in Norway on December 20, 1944, the eldest of six children of Stanley and Katherine (Murray) Hakala of Greenwood.

He spent his early school years at the Greenwood City School. His teacher was Colista Morgan, who taught in the one-room schoolhouse for more than 40 years. When Wayne and his siblings attended, they may well have been the only students in the school who were not Mrs. Morgan's relatives.

He graduated from West Paris High School and met his wife, the former Anita Pierce, at a dance at the Locke's Mills Town Hall. They were married in 1965, a few months after Wayne joined the Air Force.

During his military career, he served a 12-month tour of duty at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base in Vietnam, and was later stationed at bases in Texas, Massachusetts, Maine, and Germany.

Wayne spent his last three years of military service in



Flowers surround a photo of Wayne Hakala, Commander of Jackson-Silver Post #68, during his memorial service at the Locke's Mills American Legion hall on Saturday. Amy Wight Chapman

Washington, D.C., retiring in 1965 as a Master Sergeant in the Civil Engineering Division.

After his retirement from the Air Force, the Hakalas returned to Wayne's family home in Greenwood and quickly settled back into small-town life.

Wayne tapped maple trees and made maple syrup, operated a portable sawmill, and became active in nearly every aspect of municipal government.

Over the years, he served as a Greenwood selectman, as a member of the town's planning board, and as fire chief. For several years, he wrote the Greenwood City column for the Bethel Citizen.

He returned to school to obtain an associate's degree from Central Maine Community College and worked at a variety of jobs, including logging and working for the Maine Department of Transportation.

Last year, Wayne became a local star when he and Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis were recruited to participate together in a TV commercial.

The two men, neighbors and friends for 20 years, had both purchased trucks under a discount program designed by Lee Auto Malls Chairman Adam Lee to reward members of volunteer fire departments for their service.

Lee said at the time that the ad featuring Al and Wayne "really stood out" because of their close friendship and genuine personalities. "They're just real Maine guys," he said.

**Family, food... and fighting** Throughout their marriage, Anita was famous among their family and friends for her cooking skills, while Wayne gained fame for his appetite.

"Wayne worked for me in the woods one winter," said Steve Hakala, remembering his older brother at Saturday's memorial service. "Every day, he would show up with a smile on his face, and he always had a big lunch box with him. Wayne loved to eat."

One day, Steve said, he noticed that his brother seemed to be struggling to get through the prodigious amount of food Anita had packed for him.

"I said to him, 'Wayne, you don't have to eat all of that, you know.' And he came right back at me with, 'Yes I do—if I don't eat all of this, Anita won't fix me as much tomorrow!'"

"Wayne was my big brother, and I'm proud of him," said Steve. "Wayne loved his family, his friends, and his country. He fought in the Vietnam War, and later on, he fought for his life."

Although Wayne was remembered as genial and good-natured, frequently cracking jokes and always upbeat, Steve said he believed Wayne learned to fight from his rough-and-tumble childhood with his brothers.

He recalled a time when Wayne and their brother Raymond, as teenagers, got into an altercation in the family kitchen.

"My mother wasn't a very big woman," Steve said, "but she got in between those two brothers and broke the fight up, settled them down, and made them apologize to each other. I believe that's when his fighting began."

The youngest of the Hakala siblings, Karen, said she was only three years old when Wayne and Anita married. She recalled many summer vacations spent visiting them at Air Force bases in Massachusetts and Bucks Harbor, Maine.

"They took me on outings to Campobello Island, and Anita helped me sew school clothes," Karen said, remembering Anita and Wayne's generosity and zest for life.

"Not once did my brother stop living his life and prepare for his life to end," she said.

Pastor Sondra Withey of the Locke's Mills Union Church echoed that sentiment, saying, "If you didn't know Wayne was ill—well, then you didn't know he was ill."

Wayne was always more concerned about others than himself, she said. He made friends with the staff and other patients at the hospital infusion room, and turned his treatment appointments into celebrations, often furnishing pizza.

"He appreciated family and friends, and all of those gathered around him in his last days. He was a spark of life, and a joy to be around, and will be greatly missed," said Withey.

Surrounded by family members and friends who had assured Wayne that they would help to look after her, Anita said she plans to get back into her regular routine as soon as possible. Last Friday, she was back in the Legion hall kitchen, cooking for Bingo night.

"I know that's what Wayne would want me to do," she said.

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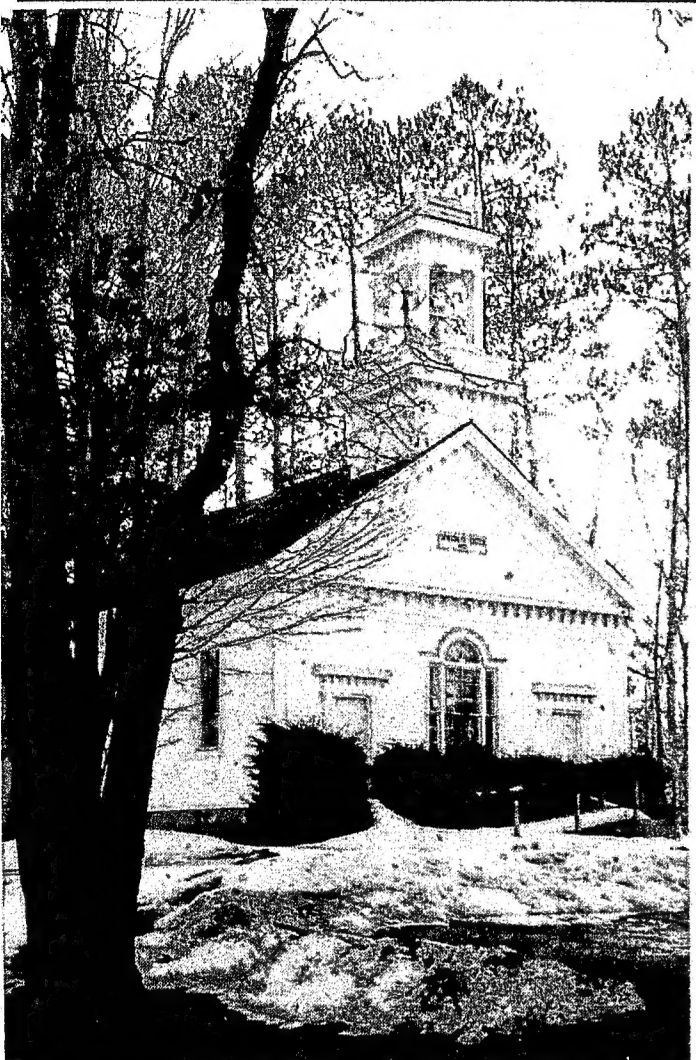
## Briefly

### Newry appoints officials

NEWRY-Newry selectmen Tuesday appointed the following residents to town boards and committees: Brooks Morton and Amy Call to the Planning Board; Tink Conkright and Tama Drown to the Cemetery Committee; Kelly Scott as General Assistance officer; and Morton as a member of the Western Hills Television Access Committee. The town still needs a sexton and a health officer. Town Administrator Loretta Powers said. She also said selectmen clarified discussion from their last meeting about the costs for the use of dumpsters in town. The town pays for all hauling and tipping fees for businesses and residential use, except for contractors who bring in a rolloff for construction debris, she said. Selectmen also further discussed the possible formation of a citizen road advisory committee, and Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney will work on guidelines, Powers said. She also said the Cemetery Committee is planning for upcoming maintenance work at town cemeteries.

### Church

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The Bryant Pond Universalist Church. A. Aloisio

ture. He said it has vinyl siding and the roof is in good shape, and no major repairs are needed.

Selectboard Chair Ron Deegan suggested that if the WHS wants to take on the building, it should see if it "meets the standards" of the UU association for ownership. If not, he said, Boothby should come back to the board for more discussion.

#### Last church

Boothby said he had done research but could not find why in 1921 the state Universalist organization asked the local congregation to turn the building over. But, he said, at that time the practice had been fairly common.

He said the current association had owned 16 church buildings in Maine when it first looked into returning them to local ownership. "We've gotten rid of all but this one," he said.

## Signs 'idiot proof' rough roads in Oxford County

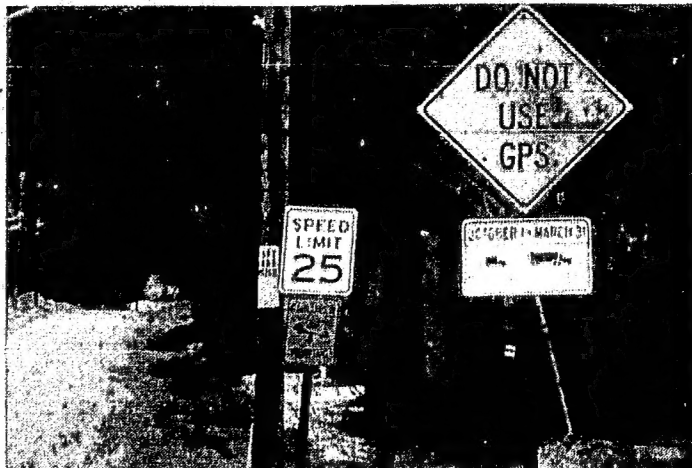
BY TERRY KARKOS, SUN MEDIA

Efforts to stop Canadian and out-of-state tractor-trailer drivers from following their GPS devices during winter from New Hampshire to Route 2 via Upton and Andover appear to be working, Oxford County Administrator Scott Cole said last week.

Earlier this winter, the county erected large orange signs at either end of East B Hill Road, also called the Upton Road. The signs read, "Do Not Use GPS."

The road that connects Route 26 in Upton to Andover at the intersection of Routes 5 and 120 is narrow and in poor condition. It's easier and shorter to take Route 26 from Upton to Route 2 in Bethel than to take East B Hill Road to Andover and follow Routes 5 or 120 to Route 2.

"We were having repeated problems with tractor-trail-



To keep out-of-state and Canadian tractor-trailer drivers from getting stuck on ice and snow on East B Hill Road between Upton and Andover this winter, Oxford County commissioners had large orange signs erected. T. Karkos

er truck drivers using their GPS when their trucks were either empty or loaded and going from Errol, N.H., to Andover," Cole said.

Because the road isn't maintained much in the winter, drivers were getting stuck on icy hills, often blocking the road.

"They ended up blocking the road for the better part of a day, so we've got to idiot-proof everything," he said. "People just want to keep going and follow their GPS."

With the signs, Cole said they hoped to "get the driver to think what his true situation is. Nobody looks at a

map anymore. ... That road is terrible anyway. It has icing conditions and several truckers were getting stuck on the steepest grades. Steve Swasey (of Andover) spent the better part of a day fishing them out, and then he sent us the bill.

"So these signs were the best thing we could come up with to make drivers think twice," Cole said.

A similar issue is happening between Norway and Bethel, he said. Instead of taking the much shorter Route 26 from Paris to Bethel and Route 2, tractor-trailer truck drivers who don't know the area are following their GPS devices and ending up on Hunts Corner Road in Albany Township.

Cole said he and commissioners have asked the Maine Department of Transportation to put up permanent signs telling truckers to stay on Route 26, but they haven't yet.

### Journals

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the floor that supervisor of schools contract with Gould trustees to pay Bethel students tuition, by the town appropriating \$900 annually in accordance with chapter 167, Public Laws of 1889. After much discussion the motion passed. When this news hit the rest of the town, uproar ensued. A special town meeting was called for March 31st. At this meeting the previous vote was rescinded (147-107). (Later \$800 was approved to buy land from John Philbrook to build a brick school replacing the two village district schools.)

Wiley was also a major figure within the Masons, holding the second highest office in the Grand Lodge of Maine. In 1895 Mr. Wiley and Judge Enoch Foster were the two Bethel Masons represented in the official party of Masonic Grand officers at the laying of the corner stone ceremony for the new Oxford County Courthouse in South Paris. Mr. Wiley was Senior Grand Warden and Judge Foster was Senior Grand Deacon.

In 1906 Goodwin Wiley sold his business to William Bosserman and the Wiley's moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma. Why did they go to Oklahoma?

Their daughter Bertha had married Dr. Norman Gehring, a nephew of Dr. John

Gehring. Norman Gehring had lived with the Gehrings in Bethel and attended Gould Academy before becoming a doctor. In 1901 Norman married Bertha Wiley in a big society wedding. After the wedding, they went to Cleveland but then returned to Maine due to Bertha's unhappiness with Cleveland and homesickness for Bethel. In 1903 twin daughters were born. From Maine the Norman Gehrings went to Norman, Oklahoma. Their marriage did not last however, partly due to Mrs. Gehring's homesickness for Bethel, and they divorced. Shawnee is a short distance east of Norman. Being near daughter Bertha and their grandchildren seems to be the reason that the Goodwin Wiley's went to Oklahoma. Bertha was a teacher in Shawnee.

Wiley busied himself in public administration in Shawnee; he died there April 3, 1911. Soon after Mr. Wiley's death in Shawnee, arrangements were made to return his remains by train to Bethel for burial at Woodland Cemetery.

On April 13, 1911, the Masonic Lodge met in special session for the purpose of receiving the Body of our Late Brother Wiley at the train station. Then the Lodge formed and marched to Bethel Station "where the body was received and transported in Masonic Fashion to the home

of Brother Fred Edwards.

The next day, April 14, the Lodge met to conduct a Masonic service at Universalist Church. After the funeral service Mr. Wiley's body was taken to Woodland Cemetery for burial. There were about 50 Masons taking part in the funeral services.

Later that summer Mrs. Wiley and a granddaughter returned to Bethel for a visit.

While in Bethel, Mrs. Wiley sold the Wiley Block including the post office to William Rogers Chapman.

Sources: Bethel Historical Society collections of county newspapers, Oxford County Democrat and Advertiser; part about the Masons: Steve Seames; history of the Wiley building and post office: Rosalind R. Chapman's 'History of Main Street.'

### Casablanca

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The Casablanca lobby. C. Bennett

ty, and has a target date for opening of September.

In addition to the two screens she hopes to get up and running, Bennett said plans also call for using a third screen to run old or

children's movies on the existing projector for free on weekends.

"We also have some ideas in mind for the fourth theater, but nothing definite yet," said Bennett.

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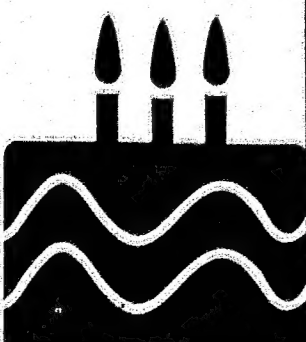
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## The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

From the TWISI archives: Tax Time

Taxes. Every time I've thought about it, I'd brush away that thought, thinking I had plenty of time. I've brushed that thought away so many times that my plenty of time ran out.

"For an organized person getting everything together to do their tax return is no big deal. They have a place for everything" and everything is in its place. I have a place for everything too, in fact I have several places, I just can't remember where all those places are.

I do remember that when I received my W-2's and 1099's I put them in a safe place so nothing would happen to them, like spilling coffee on them or inadvertently tossing them out with junk mail. I have been known to do such things. I guess where ever I put them is very safe because I haven't found them yet.

Then there is the matter of my check registers I need to go through to see what I've donated to my church and assorted charities. I know I've changed pocket books at least three times since the beginning of 2007 and I know I left the check registers in at least two of those pocket books. I can even visualize them in my mind's eye, I just can't visualize where they are in reality.

I don't think the Internal Revenue Service will accept my mind's eye view as a deduction and God only knows I need all the deductions I can get, so I guess I better find the old pocket books.

That's another thing, I don't understand what's deductible and what is not. I find the IRS regulations to be a mine field just waiting for me to make a misstep. I'm a pretty honest person, but more than anything I'm a nervous person and would never dare to claim a deduction that wasn't blessed by the IRS. I just know if I ever did I'd get caught and be subjected to an audit. Then an IRS agent would come to my

*I find the IRS regulations to be a mine field just waiting for me to make a misstep.*

house and when I showed them all my junk drawers where I think receipts are I'd be busted and sent off to tax jail.

Big corporations can get away with a lot because they have all kinds of hidden holes to stash away profits and plenty of things they can claim as losses. The little folks like me have little profit and most of our losses can't be claimed. If I could just claim my heating oil expense, I'd get one whopping refund!

But, I'm stuck with what I've got if only I can find everything. Once I do I'll drop it off with "My People" because I certainly don't dare to do the taxes myself. I'd

do the Turbo Tax thing and save a few bucks, but I'm lucky to be able to turn my computer on, let alone follow a tax program. That's why I have "People".

I'm not a stupid person, but there are three things that reduce me to idiot status. They are my computer, tax forms and college financial aid forms. Fortunately the college financial aid forms have not been an issue for years, but my computer and tax forms will forever keep me humble.

One thing I have found out regarding some of the fundraising deductions that is quite interesting is all those things our children and grandchildren hit us up for like the Girl Scout Cookies, the Cub Scout popcorn and the wrapping paper are partially deductible. You have to work a little bit to take advantage of it though. You have to find similar items in local stores and assuming that the price is lower locally you can claim the difference on your taxes.

I can't quite see myself going all around to find something similar to Thin Mints, which I don't believe exists or all those items I buy from my grandsons each year. I also don't quite see myself ever remembering where I would put such information.

Next year I'll be more organized so when tax time comes I'll be ready. Famous last words I know. But the way I see it for this year I'll just have to do the best I can and hope my nerves don't get too taxed out.

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# Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Today, April 9, is the 150th anniversary of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's surrender to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in Appomattox Court House, Va. For the past few months Bethel has been marking the anniversary of the Civil War with the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War," a community project sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, the Bethel Library and Gould Academy. The program is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and was awarded by the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council. In April our local project presents a series of free films on the Civil War on Friday nights at 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. The April 10 film is "Glory," the story of the first U.S. all-black regiment, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was made up of black soldiers, including both northern freed men and escaped slaves, but it was led by white officers. The regiment was assigned menial duties, but the soldiers fought to be put into combat and ended up fighting in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. The script was based partly on letters written by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, who was assigned to command the regiment. The 1989 film stars Matthew Broderick, Morgan Freeman, and Denzel Washington.

If you have visited Boston, you may have seen the monument to the 54th Massachusetts. It is a large bronze relief sculpture by Augustus Saint-Gaudens that sits on the edge of the Boston Common. According to a 1990 review by film critic Roger Ebert, "The

story goes that the author of 'Glory,' Kevin Jarre, was walking across Boston Common one day when he noticed something about a Civil War memorial that he had never noticed before. Some of the soldiers in it were black. Although the American Civil War is often referred to as the war to free the slaves, it had never occurred to Jarre — or, apparently, to very many others — that blacks themselves fought in the war. The inspiration for 'Glory' came to Jarre as he stood looking at the monument."

National Library Week will be observed April 12-18. First observed in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. It's a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and to promote library use and support. This year's theme for National Library Week is "Unlimited possibilities @ your library." The theme emphasizes the huge advances in libraries since the first National Library Week; among them are public access computers, 24-hour wi-fi, downloadable books, instant access to library catalogues and requesting, along with traditional books, magazines, and movies. One of the celebrations during the week is National Library Workers Day, which is Tuesday, April 14. Stop by the Bethel Library (or any library) and thank the staff and volunteers for the valuable contributions they make.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

## East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



I hope everyone had a nice Easter. We had dinner at my place and the kids also



were able to enjoy some time outside. This Monday evening the trees and the grass are once again covered with snow, sigh. At the bright side, I did see several robins today.

I really need your help gathering the news and keeping the column interesting. Only a few phone numbers I have are still correct. So I really would appreciate phone calls at 507-1008 or e-mails at heinrichcracker@gmail.com with your news, questions, suggestions and trivia answers. Have a great week and THINK SPRING.

## Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Just to keep you posted on the signs of spring in Andover, the daffodils at the base of the granite foundation at the parsonage are up and budded although the poor things may think they have made a grave error considering the various low temperatures and snow squalls we have suffered over the last few days and are predicted to continue through the week.

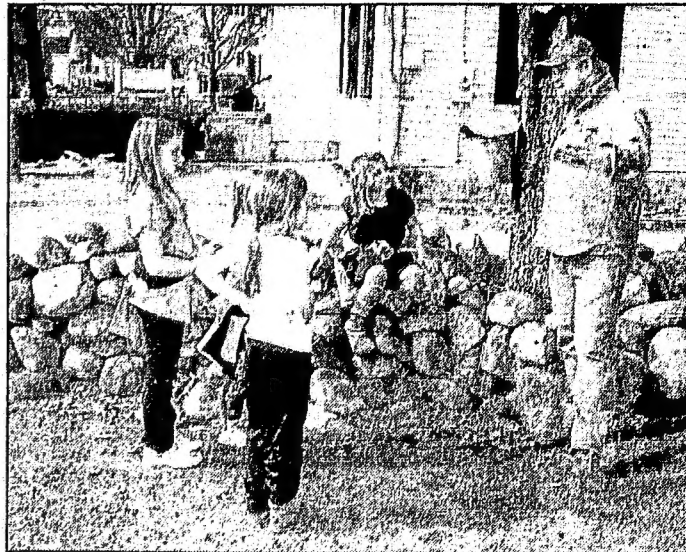
Despite the rain/snow on Saturday morning 40 children came to Mills Market to participate in the annual Easter Egg hunt. The egg hunt turned into a community event with support from the Andover Service Circle, the East Andover Community Club. Coffee and donuts were served to spectators courtesy of Mills Market and Dave White. The Easter Bunny, himself or herself, put in an appearance much to the delight of the children.

There will be a meeting of all those interested in Andover Olde Home Day on Thursday April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. This is the 35th anniversary of this town-wide celebration which was begun in 1980 following a successful 175th anniversary celebration. Former chairs Vickie and Marshall Meisner and several other members of this committee having resigned last year, the purpose of the meeting will be to form a new committee, select a theme, and consider some new and different events. The following theme has been suggested: Celebrating Olde Home Day in which participants would be asked to recreate great floats of the past. The dates for this year's celebration are July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. While there was some confusion about the dates earlier, settling on these will get us out of competition with the Wilton Blueberry Festival and enable groups committed to that event to participate in ours.

This year the traditional Birthday Supper sponsored by the First Congregational Church will be held on Saturday, April 25. The menu sounds like a great one and will include roast pork, baked potatoes, carrots, green beans, rolls, coleslaw and birthday cakes for dessert. The price is \$8 for adults and children under 12 will be \$4.

The dates of May 1 and 2 have been selected for the second annual Family Fun day which will be kicked off on Friday evening by a spaghetti supper and dance. Contact Carol Emery for details at 392-3161.

Lots of people have asked for an update on my situation. I will see a plastic surgeon on Wednesday, hopefully to take care of my one remaining problem, my right heel. I am itching to get back into the saddle and fulfill my pledge to serve the people



**TAP OF THE TOWN UNDERWAY**—Fueled by 25 trees and 42 taps across town, the second annual 'Tap of the Town' maple sugaring project began boiling sap last Friday at the Bethel Historical Society. Volunteer Gabe Perkins said about 90 gallons of sap had been gathered from the trees. Other volunteers from Gould Academy also helped out, and kids from the Mahoosuc Kids Association stopped by for a visit Friday. Left, volunteer Tracey Wilkerson pours sap through a filter for boiling as MKA kids look on. With her is Jack Morrison, a senior at Gould who is in the Farm and Forest program and in his second year of helping with Tap of the Town. Boiling is expected to resume this Friday. Above, Gabe Perkins explains how maple sap runs in the trees to a group of MKA kids.

A. Aloisio

## Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Sunday, April 19 at 6 p.m. there will be a special service with the Bloom class singing and testifying. This will be followed by a SNAC fellowship. A special offering will be taken to benefit the upcoming summer camp trip. The next Plant and Root Maine rally meeting is at West Sumner Baptist Church on Monday, April 20. Monday, April 20 to Friday, April 24 is a family conference at the Norway Baptist Church.

If you like to make baskets, this is for you: Basket Making and Lunch at the Harrison Community Center (in back of the fire station) 34 School Street, Harrison. Date: April 18. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructors will help you make a basket to keep or give as a gift. Lunch at 12 noon. \$25 for a basket and lunch or \$10 for lunch only. RSVP by April 15. Space is limited. To make a reservation, or

for more information, call Opal Gardner (595-0925) or Christine Hebert (743-5227). Door prize, raffles, 50/50. Proceeds to benefit Lake-side and Franklin Granges.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVW will meet on Monday, April 13 at the Grange Hall.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Woodstock Fire Station on Thursday, April 2 for a regular meeting. A delicious dinner was served by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Susan Sweetser presented a very interesting program on her Native American heritage. She had a lot of interesting items she had made, or some Native American had made. Baskets, necklaces, etc. Next meeting is in May in Locke's Mills with the Ladies Circle putting on the dinner.

## Gilead

By Lin Chapman



A brief snow shower came through the area on Easter Sunday morning. It moved fast but left some slippery roads in surrounding areas. It was gone in a few minutes and the sun appeared. More and more snow melts every day! My brother, Steve McLain, was thinking about taking the plow off his pickup, but decided that it is still too ear-

## OCSB Patrol Log

Tuesday, March 31

At 6:28 p.m. while running radar on Route 2 in Bethel Cpl. George Cayer stopped a vehicle for criminal speed (85 mph in a 55 mph zone). Fredrik Maurstad of East Burke, Vt., was summonsed for 29 mph over the limit.

Wednesday, April 1

At 1:28 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to Telstar High School for a report of marijuana found in the school. It was confiscated and destroyed. The juvenile was suspended by the school. The case is under review and investigation.

Thursday, April 2

At 9:05 a.m. a caller reported money missing from his residence on Howe Hill Road in Greenwood. Deputy Chris Davis was assigned.

At 3:29 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco located a stolen vehicle from Vermont on Route 26 near the Maine-New Hampshire line.

At 4:10 p.m. a complainant on the Songo Pond Road had questions about a registered sex offender.

At 4:14 p.m. a subject reported receiving an e-mail regarding someone he knew selling drugs. He was told to forward the information to an officer.

At 7:59 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco stopped a vehicle on Route 5 in Albany for going 83 mph in a 50 mph zone. A summons was issued for speed.

Friday, April 3

At 5:10 p.m. a report was received of the theft of drugs in Bethel. Sgt. Matt Baker responded.

Saturday, April 4

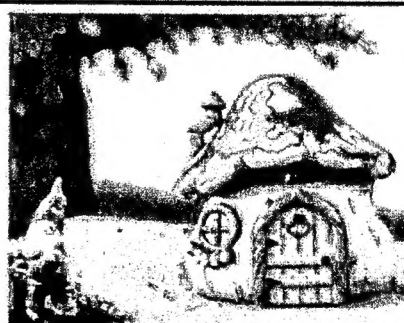
At 1:27 a.m. a report was received of a vehicle all over the road on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. It then turned into a business on Railroad Street. Deputies located the vehicle and after investigation the driver was taken into custody for OUI.

At 9:37 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of theft on the West Bethel Road in Bethel. The investigation was ongoing.

At 9:02 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Route 2 in Bethel for a car accident. The driver said he had fallen asleep and went off the road. There were no injuries.

At 9:47 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman received a complain of an underage drinking party in Woodstock. An investigation was planned.

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Notice is hereby given that the Greenwood Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on

April 14, 2015,  
at the Greenwood Town Office at  
593 Gore Road, Greenwood, Maine,  
The Public Hearing will be at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the designation of the municipal development and tax increment financing district and the adoption of a development program for the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended.

The proposed municipal development and tax increment financing district consists of approximately 500 acres of property located along Route 26/Main Street as well as along Howe Hill Road, including portions of Mt. Abram Ski Resort.

Copies of relevant materials shall be on file at the Town offices during normal business hours in advance of the public hearing. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time.

## Fundraising Dinner

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# Benefit for Meals on Wheels

There will be a benefit for the Meals on Wheels program of SeniorsPlus at the American Legion Hall 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills, Sunday, May 3, 2 to 5 p.m. This benefit is to help end the current waitlist for Meals on Wheels, currently at over 100 in the tri-county region, and fight hunger in our communities. There will be live music by the Shadagee Ramblers, a 50/50 raffle, and snacks. Admission is \$10 at the door and \$8 tickets in advance. Please come join the fun to support this worthy cause. All proceeds will go directly to Meals on Wheels of SeniorsPlus.

Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to older adults who are homebound and cannot cook for themselves, so they can stay at home independently. Funding for the Meals on Wheels program has recently been cut, and the wait list continues to grow, with over 30 on the list from Oxford County.

For more information, call 1-800-427-1241 or e-mail info@seniorsplus.org. SeniorsPlus is a private non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to support independent living and healthy aging. It serves as the local Aging and Disability Resource Center for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties. SeniorsPlus provides a network of support, information, services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. For more information, visit www.seniorsplus.org or call 207-795-4010 or 1-800-427-1241.

ly to be that adventurous.

Well, the Cowbirds have arrived in Gilead. There was a Robin at the house, too. The arrival of the "Spring Birds" is now complete. There are still plenty of Starlings, Grackles and Red-Winged Blackbirds at the feeder. Now if spring would just appear!

I have a cactus that always puts on a beautiful display of blossoms at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Usually, at Easter it does the same, but this year it could manage only a few blossoms. The plant is around 23 years old and used to be at the Adult Education Office. I brought it home when I retired last year.

Peter and Claudia Risbarr from Portland were in town on Easter Sunday. They took the day off from their greenhouse business in Portland (Risbarr's Greenhouse) to drive up and check on their house in Gilead. They said that all seems well with the house. The little garage lost a little more of the roof, but is still standing.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

## Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman

I've been feeding the birds for the second winter this year, which keeps my indoor-only cats and me endlessly entertained.

In the last week or two, I've seen some new species, a sign that the spring migration is underway. In addition to the regular crowd (chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers, goldfinches, mourning doves, and the occasional bluejay, cardinal, or tufted titmouse), I've seen a

single pine siskin, a pine grosbeak, and now a song sparrow.

I've had a small flock of juncos recently, and one of them is leucistic or partially albino, meaning he has white patches among his dark gray feathers. So far I've only been able to get blurry photos - guess it's time to wash the windows!

I've also had a big flock of common redpolls on a daily basis for a month or so. Over the weekend they were joined by what I believe is a hoary redpoll. It had nearly all white feathers, except for the red spot on its head, a bit of black above and below the beak, and a few dark feathers in its wings. The Audubon website says the hoary redpoll is "only a scarce visitor south of the Arctic."

Another sign of spring: the ski season at Mt. Abram is wrapping up. They will be open for skiing on Saturday only this weekend, running the main chairlift (no skiing on Westside). On Sunday, the mountain will host the annual Snowmobile, Sledhead Mania races in front of the main lodge. Registration is from 7 to 9 a.m. and the races, featuring snocross and hill drags, begin at 9:30. The cost for spectators is \$10 per person.

There will be a public hearing at the Greenwood Town Office at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, on the proposed tax increment financing (TIF) district. This is your chance to find out more about the proposal before we vote at Town Meeting on May 16.

In a nutshell, a TIF district is an economic development tool that lets a municipality set aside new tax revenues resulting from increased development (for example, future development at Mt. Abram) and put them to-

ward previously agreed-upon infrastructure projects, such as road improvements, renovations to the downtown district and the creation of a marketing program.

Designating a TIF district does not increase or decrease individual property taxes. However, it allows any increase in property values within the district to be shielded from the town's state valuation. So the increased value would not reduce any subsidies the town receives from the state for education and revenue sharing, or raise the amount of its county taxes.

The planning board is reviewing amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance proposed by the state, and if they have a recommendation on adopting them after this week's meeting, a hearing on those may also be part of the agenda.

Following the 6 p.m. hearing on Tuesday, the Greenwood Bicentennial Committee will meet at 7 p.m. to continue discussing plans for the big 200-year celebration planned for the weekend of Aug. 12-14, 2016. Yes, that's still more than a year away, but it takes time to plan a successful celebration and to line up all of the entertainment, exhibits, demonstrations, vendors, and events that will be a part of it.

I plan to run for a third term on the Board of Selectmen at Town Meeting. There will be a position to fill on the SAD 44 School Board, as Stacey Sandvoss does not plan to run again. She has been an excellent school director during her tenure, well-informed and open-minded. If you're interested in this very important job, please contact Town Manager Kim Sparks to let her know.

I'd love to hear your news! E-mail amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or call 875-5511.



**LEARNING MOOSE CALLS**—Students at CPS got a lesson in moose-calling last week from Ron Fournier. Here, Gavin Mitchell tries his skills at the microphone. Afterward many kids lined up to be interviewed by Bill Green of WCSH6, which broadcast a report on the event Monday. Bottom, Tess Fultz talks to Green as Robert Bishop practices his moose call while waiting.



With a moose skull/antlers in the foreground, kids listen to Fournier talk about the animals.



## Mason

By Richard Grover



Following is a story I submitted to the Citizen for the March 12 issue, but which never was received or published by them due to an e-mail problem.

Some time ago I was attracted by an article in the Lewiston Sun describing an upcoming musical program to be put on at the Temple Shalom Synagogue in Auburn. Several local musical groups were to be featured; there was a nominal entry fee which included complementary wine, cheeses, crackers

and little dessert specialties, and the public was invited to make advance reservations. It sounded interesting, so Mona and I decided to go, and we mailed a copy of the article to friends Norm and Kathy and asked them if they wanted to meet us there.

The synagogue address was listed as 74 Bradman Avenue, unfamiliar to us, so we took our auto GPS to get us there on the Saturday evening of the event. On our way we stopped at the Auburn Panera Bread for soup, a baguette and

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 13, 2015 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal from Kowloon Village, located at 190 Main St., Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at [info@bethelmaine.org](mailto:info@bethelmaine.org) Christen Mason Town Clerk

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# Moore Park show seeking 2015 poster art

If you have captured the beauty of South Paris in any kind of art form and would like to be the featured artist of the 2015 Moore Park Art Show poster, organizers want to hear from you.

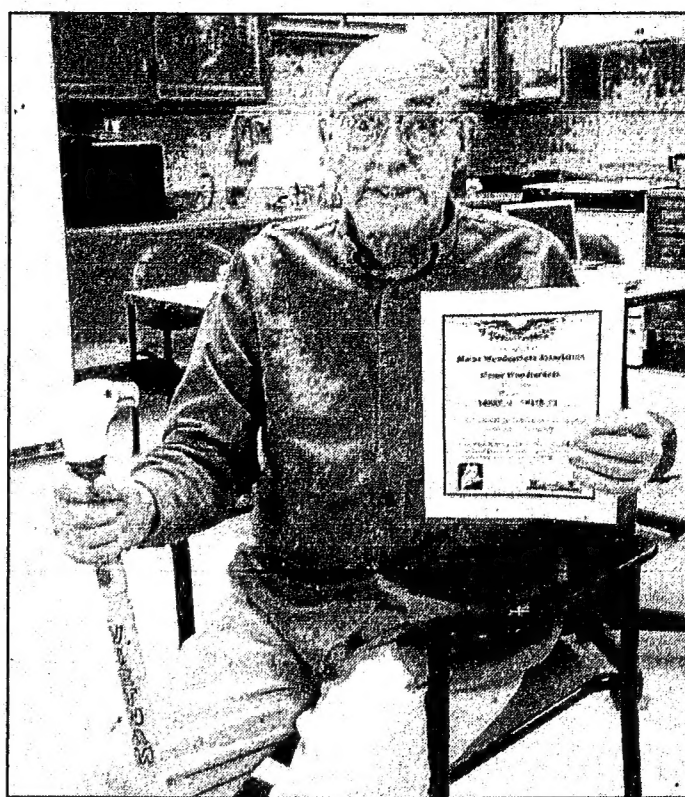
Beautiful images of South Paris represented in water color, fabric, oil, and pastels have always defined the collectible event poster in the past, including: 2010 - Moore Park Art Show in pastels by Geoffrey Workman; 2011 - Market Square in Watercolors by Cynthia Burmeister; 2012 - Grand Trunk Rail Road Station in oil paint by Ron Hamilton; 2013 - The Celebration Barn in watercolor by Anne Treadwell; 2014 South Paris Schoolhouses Quilt by Barbara Frost.

This year, organizers are seeking the 2015 poster art by calling out to the community, seeking locally created art, showing the beauty you

in the Town of Paris. The chosen art will be featured on the poster an on mooreparkartshow.biz with an artist biography and link to your contact information.

If you have representations in photography, painting, quilting, sculpting, needlework, stained glass and much more, and would like to be featured as the 2015 poster artist, please e-mail your images to: mooreparkart@gmail.com or mail them to MPAS2015, PO Box 80, Paris, Maine 04271-0080.

The Moore Park Art Show is an event of the Town of Paris Parks and Recreation Committee, sponsored by the Mahosuc Arts Council. Artists and artisans may apply for a 10'x10' booth spot at www.mooreparkartshow.biz. Booth fees are \$65 for one exhibitor in one booth or \$40 each for multiple artists. FMI: Director Aranka Matolcsy, 207-890-6386.



SMITH PRESENTED EAGLE CANE-Veteran Larry G. Smith of Bethel was presented his Eagle Head Cane on Friday, April 3 at the South Paris Veterans Home for disabilities sustained while on duty in the U.S. Army. The cane was made by Steven Hatch, a member of the Maine Wood Carvers & Western Mountain Wood Turners. Submitted photo

# Earth Day Norway 2015 celebration

The Town of Norway will celebrate Earth Day with a week of events that lead up to Earth Day on April 22. Begun in 1970, Earth Day is celebrated in more than 192 countries around the globe. The day honors the planet, unity, peace and, of course, spring. Norway native Rihlah Newell started a local Earth Day festival in 2008, and the community has continued the tradition she began.

On Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., Maine State Climatologist Sean Birkel will speak at The Commons, 477 Main Street in Norway. Sponsored by the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) and the Western Foothills Land Trust, Birkel will discuss climate change in Maine and how computer modeling can help communities in terms of adaptation and mitigation. A discussion about local efforts will follow.

On Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m., Heather Pierson will host the seventh annual Earth Day Concert at the UU Church in Norway. She will be joined by Mary Hargreaves, Davy Sturtevant, Nate Towne, and the Norway UU Choir. The program will include songs and readings that celebrate and honor the Earth and the ideal of peace. Admission is \$5 and will benefit the church's Belfry Repair Project. There will also be a collection of nonperishable food items for the Oxford Hills Food Pantry.

As part of the spring ARK (Art Resources for Kids) series sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, there will be a workshop called "Create Needle Felted Masks and Earth Balls" on Monday, April 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. It will be in The Commons beside Fare Share Market. A \$5 donation is requested. Call 743-6329 to register.

On Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. on Earth Day Eve, members of the Mountain Poets Society will present a lively evening of poems to celebrate the Earth. Poets will include Eric Dibner and Nadia Hermos of Casco; Aleister Nobles, John Governale, Eyevn Green, and Becky

Cheston of Norway; Rockie Graham of Waterford; Michalene Hague of Otisfield; Siiri Cressey of Lewiston; Mark Swiedom of Hebron; and Lisa Moore of Harrison. Light, earthy refreshments will be served.

All of this leads up to the big day. On Wednesday, April 22, festivities will begin at 9 a.m. with a workshop at CEBE in The Commons to make signs and prepare for the Earth Day Norway 2015 parade. At 11 a.m., the second annual parade will begin at CEBE, march on the sidewalk to the Rowe School, cross the street, and then parade back down Main Street to the Alan Day Community Garden on Whitman Street. Main Street businesses along the way are encouraged to participate. The parade is free, and all ages are welcome. Brings signs, wear costumes, decorate strollers and wagons, be creative, and have some fun.

From Noon until 2 p.m., the Alan Day Community Garden will offer food, music, kids' activities, information about the Garden, a Garden blessing, and the chance for people to sign up for 2015 garden plots. Upon arrival at the Garden, awards will be presented for creative costumes and parade signs.

Beginning at 2 p.m., an Earth Day Film Festival will begin at The Commons, co-sponsored by CEBE and Fare Share Co-op. Informal presentations about CEBE and Fare Share will punctuate videos and films throughout the day. The feature film, Chasing Ice will be screened at 7 p.m. Chasing Ice received the 2014 News and Documentary Emmy award for Outstanding Nature Programming. It is the story of a National Geographic photographer, James Balog, and his mission to document undeniable evidence of our changing planet. The film is 75 minutes long. A \$5 donation will be accepted at the door to cover rental costs, but is not required for admission.

FMI call 739-2101. Earth Day Norway 2015 will be a week-long celebration with something for every Earthling to enjoy.

coffee and then followed our GPS in the direction of Augusta down the street behind the Auburn Mall until we were directed to turn right on Center Street, passing Rowe Ford on our left. The GPS then showed a U-turn at the light between Rowe Ford and Kmart. Once we did that, we were again heading in the direction of Augusta, passing Rowe Ford on our right! At this point, I was frustrated and decided to ask directions. We turned left again and entered the shopping mall housing Harbor Freight and the movie theater. At that hour it was dark, and I went into a cell phone store to ask directions to Temple Shalom. Finally, one of the customers there, a young lady, pointed back toward Center Street, and said the Synagogue was on the little street right behind George's Pizza between Rowe Ford and Kmart!

This time, we drove back to Center Street and turned left at the light, ended up in a large parking lot, where we saw a narrow alley leading behind George's Pizza hidden in the darkness. Then, we found ourselves on Bradman Avenue and located Temple Shalom. On entering, we found ourselves in a large room filled with large round tables and a small stage centered along the far wall. Each table was surrounded by 8 chairs, most of which were already occupied. One large table contained numerous bottles of wine and empty glasses. Each of the tables contained a centerpiece, a platter of cheese and crackers and lots of other condiments. We found a table near the far right wall occupied with a nice friendly young couple, who invited us to join them, and some other friends who were not yet there. When Norm and Kathy arrived, we found some extra chairs and made room for them at our table.

The program turned out to be thoroughly enjoyable, with multi-generational groups playing violin folk music and Yiddish classical pieces, a gospel choral group from Bates College as well as other young musicians playing pieces that I enjoyed but cannot adequately describe. Through most of the program Kathy stood near the back of the crowd dancing to the music by herself! I was so impressed with the program I am tempted to go back and attend some of their worship

services, if they will let me in!

## Upton

By Joe Bernier



Penny's unofficial record gives the snowfall average for Upton as slightly above 120 inches. She has been keeping a record of snowfall in Upton since 2001. This year, so far, we have received just over 100 inches.

Your letter is in the mail (if you are a former or current member of the Upton Historical Society) to let you know the time and place for the Society's first meeting of 2015. Included in the letter is a membership application. Please attend the meeting, send in your dues and application or both. To inform the people who did not receive the letter, the meeting will be Sunday, April 12, 3 p.m. at the Upton School. There will be applications available at that time. Anyone who is interested in the history of Upton is welcome to attend the meeting and fill out a membership application.

The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Selectmen will meet Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m. at the town office.

The ice maker in my freezer has serious issues but I believe I can overcome the problems.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with news.

## Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Second week of April has arrived and it is still cold out. We had one delightful day of 60, but now it is still cold. We have had snow showers several days this past week. The snow did not last as it melted by noon, but still, who needs snow in April. I am ready for some nice spring weather for at least a week.

Not sure if my computer will do this, but we shall see. Last week I had to fax it, this week hard to say what will happen. But at least it did get in after weeks of being left in cyberspace. If you get to read this, consider yourself lucky.

Been walking all week,

every day. That has meant driving into Norway to have sidewalks to walk on. Our road is not walkable - snow, ice, mud. One never knows what one will encounter. My friends have walked with me to keep me company and to keep me safe. Soon I will walk like everyone else; without a walker.

Saturday, April 11, American Legion Post 92 will have an indoor yard sale at 9 a.m. at the Post on Church Street in South Paris. There will be a lunch counter, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets.

Monday, April 13, Knit and Talk group meets at Waterford Library from 2 to 4 p.m. All levels of knitters are welcome. FMI please call 583-2050.

Next week, Thursday, April 23, at 9 a.m., there will be workshop on farm pond stocking and construction at Cumming Hall, First Baptist Church 500 Paris Hill Road, South Paris. Candace Gilpatrick will lead. FMI please call 745-5789 ext. 111.

Due to technical problems, that will be all for this week. Have a great week, stay safe and warm.

## South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



9:25 a.m. Monday, April 6. Brrrrr, it's cold here this a.m., it was only 18 degrees when I got up. The sun is out nice and bright and the birds are busy at the feeding stations.

Errands to run and other stops to make while in town today.

We enjoyed the company of our son Craig and his fiancé April for Easter dinner. I made an Easter dinner with all the fixings and a chocolate cream pie (Craig's favorite) to top it all off.

I hope you all had a great and wonderful Easter day with family.

Got a call Thursday from another nursing home for us to come and play for their residents. We are staying busy plus trying to get in one day a week for practice.

Yogi brought me home some tulips last week, they are beautiful and they are now all opened. Hoping to get the bulbs replanted and maybe they will blossom again this season.

A very special thank you to the kids (Craig and April) for the beautiful Solar Hanging Ornament they brought me yesterday, it has hum-

mingbirds that light up. I have it in my office right now but will put out in the yard for all to enjoy.

So looking forward to the hummingbirds and Orioles to arrive, I will be getting my feeders out for them by May 1, and keeping my camera handy.

I spotted two Canadian Geese in the field at Smedburg's Farm Saturday afternoon. That has to be a sure sign of spring.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Gordon and Celia Paine who will be celebrating on April 18.

If you have any news you would care to share - birthdays, anniversaries, birth announcements, suppers, etc. - please feel free to e-mail me (lolalee@oxfordnet-works.net) or call me at 674-3104.

Wishing y'all a great and wonderful week, stay well. That's all from the valley this week.

## Mock Hee-Haw Show

Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m., Franklin Grange is presenting their spring Mock Hee-Haw Show at the Grange Hall on Main Street in Bryant Pond.

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**Friday:** Mini corn dogs with honey mustard dipping sauce or sun butter and fluff on wholegrain bread with yogurt, oven fries, cabbage and craisin slaw, dried fruit mix with cereal.

**Monday:** Hot dog in a roll or hamburger in a wholegrain bun, potato smiles, steamed carrots, baked beans, cereal and dried fruit mix.

**Tuesday:** Chicken and cheese quesadilla with salsa or Quick Pick with yogurt, muffin and cheese stick, seasoned rice, steamed broccoli, apple.

**Wednesday:** Chop suey or ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, dinner roll, tossed salad, orange wedges.

**Thursday:** Italian sandwich or sun butter and fluff on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, veggie choices, kids' snack mix, diced pears.

**Friday:** Maxx pizza sticks with dipping sauce, baby carrot slims, fruit juice, fruit crisp.

## Telstar

**Thursday:** Shepherd's pie, dinner roll, green beans, strawberry cup.

**Friday:** Mini corn dogs with honey mustard dipping sauce or double cheeseburger on a bun, oven fries, cabbage and craisin slaw, dried fruit mix with cereal.

**Monday:** Popcorn chicken with dipping sauces, potato smiles, steamed carrots, baked beans, cereal and dried fruit mix.

**Tuesday:** Chicken and cheese quesadilla with salsa, seasoned rice, steamed broccoli, apple.

**Wednesday:** Chop suey, dinner roll, tossed salad, orange wedges.

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tor. Booths are limited. Artists also have the opportunity to submit work for awards judging. There will also be a limited number of craft booths under a tent for more traditional crafts.

12 x12-foot booths are \$65 for a single exhibitor. Shared booths are \$40 for each artist, up to four in a booth. Student booth fees are \$40 per booth, or \$25 each for a shared booth. Applications must be received by July 1 for inclusion in the Moore Park Art Program. Community groups are welcome to participate for \$30. Food vendor spots are \$75. Food vendors must provide proof of insurance.

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FMI: Visit [www.moore-parearkshow.biz](http://www.moore-parearkshow.biz) or contact

Director Aranka Matolcsy at 207-890-6386 or mooreparkart@gmail.com.

### Returning players:

**Seniors:** Sadie Ellsworth (4-year starter, catcher) Katie Merrill (3-year starter, outfield), Aislinn Forbes (infield/outfield); Annie Cushman (2nd base); Vanessa Godwin (1st base). All started last season.

**Juniors:** Becca Howard (3-year starter, shortstop), Hayley Peterson (starter, centerfield)

**Sophomore:** Tehya Johnson (starter infield/outfield)  
**Newcomers:** Junior Olivia York, along with Tehya Johnson, will handle the pitching duties. Both girls played in the Topsham league this past winter. Juniors Ashley Savage, Blair Stevens, Lisa Gammon, and Bri Vitale will compete for starting positions. Cassidy Smith, Emily Philbrick and sophomore Natasha Hart will add depth to the team as well.

**Key losses:** All-conference pitcher Jessica Dirago; Autumn Morin, 3 year starter, 3rd base.

**Outlook for the season:** We expect to compete with the top teams of the conference. We hope to have a strong defense and aggressive and opportunistic offense. We believe that our pitching will be strong. Our goals are high and we will work hard to reach these goals.

- Coach Jim Lunney

TEAMMATES, OPPONENTS, FRIENDS-Former Telstar High School baseball pitchers/teammates Danny Whitney (right) and Kyle Peterson of Bethel faced each other in an opposing game last week. "Kyle and Danny have played baseball together since the Petersons moved to Bethel, when they were around 8 or 9 years old, and they became best friends over the years as well," said Danny's mom, Ellen. "Dan went to Husson and Kyle to Farmington and they just happened to play in the same division so their teams play each other. This year for the first time they actually pitched against each other. The game was pitched very well by both, evenly matched, but Husson did prevail 4 to 3."

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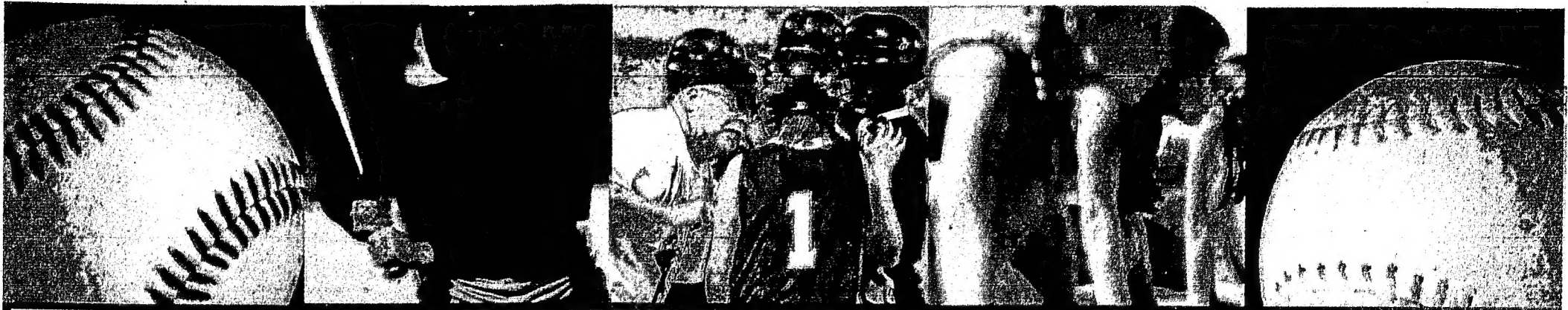
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**Telstar Regional Middle/High School**  
**SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**Telstar High School**  
**VARSITY**  
**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
<b>April</b>			
24	Mtn. Valley	Home	4:30
27	St. Dom's	Away	4:30
29	Monmouth	Home	4:30
<b>May</b>			
1	Carrabec	Away	4:30
4	Mt. Abram	Away	4:30
6	Wiscasset	Home	4:30
8	Hall-Dale	Away	4:30
11	Madison	Home	4:30
13	Boothbay	Away	4:30
15	Dirigo	Home	4:30
18	Lisbon	Away	4:30
20	Winthrop	Home	4:30
22	Oak Hill	Home	4:30
26	Mtn. Valley	Away	4:30
28	St. Dom's	Home	4:30
<b>June</b>			
1	Monmouth	Away	4:30

All events subject to change.

**Telstar High School**  
**TRACK and FIELD**

DATE	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
<b>April</b>			
28	Lisbon, Oak Hill, Mt. Abram, Hall-Dale	Lisbon	3:30
<b>May</b>			
5	Mt. Abram, St. Dom's Mtn. Valley, Dirigo	Telstar	3:30
12	Lisbon, Oak Hill, St. Dom's	Lisbon	3:30
19	Hall-Dale, Monmouth, Winthrop	Hall-Dale	3:30
28	MVC Championship	Cony HS	3:30
<b>June</b>			
6	States (June 9 rain date)	Yarmouth HS	10:00
13	New Englands	Thornton Academy	TBA

All events subject to change.

**Telstar Middle School**  
**VARSITY**  
**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
<b>April</b>			
28	Dirigo	Home	3:30
30	St. Dom's	Away	3:30
<i>PLEASE NOTE: Baseball played at Lewiston Armory Park, 65 Central Ave, Lewiston Softball played at 381 Randall Road, Lewiston</i>			
<b>May</b>			
5	Buckfield	Home	3:30
7	Mtn. Valley at Mexico Rec. Park	Away	3:30
8	Oxford Hills	Home	3:30
14	Dirigo at Middle School	Away	3:30
19	St. Dom's	Home	3:30
21	Buckfield at High School	Away	3:30
26	Mtn. Valley	Home	3:30

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Telstar Middle School HOME BASEBALL games are played at Crescent Park School.

Telstar HOME SOFTBALL games are played on the lower field at Telstar.

All events subject to change.

**Telstar Middle School**  
**TRACK and FIELD**

DATE	PLACE	TIME
<b>April</b>		
30	Telstar	3:30
<b>May</b>		
7	Mtn. Valley MS	3:30
14	Telstar	3:30
21	Mtn. Valley MS	3:30

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# Regular meetings and events

## MUNICIPAL

**Bethel Selectmen:** Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.  
**Bethel Planning Board:** Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.  
**Bethel Water District:** Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.  
**Gilead Selectmen:** Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.  
**Gilead Planning Board:** First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.  
**Greenwood Selectmen:** First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.  
**Hanover Selectmen:** Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., unless otherwise posted.  
**Hanover Planning Board:** First Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
**Newry Selectmen:** First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.  
**Newry Planning Board:** First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.  
**Woodstock Selectmen:** First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.  
**Woodstock Planning Board:** First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.  
**SAD 44 School Board:** Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

## ORGANIZATIONS

**Andover**  
 Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.  
**Bethel**  
 First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.  
 Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.  
 First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.  
 Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library (starting April 15). FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.  
 Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.  
 Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.  
 Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p\_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.  
**Woodstock**  
 Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.  
**Norway/Paris/West Paris**  
 Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.  
 Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering pro-

fessional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

## Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.-Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

## Support services

### SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

### REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

### AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential).

### Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

### Exchanges/Pantries

#### Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

#### Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street.

#### Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case

Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit [www.rumfordgrouphomes.org](http://www.rumfordgrouphomes.org).

### Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

### Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July).

### Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit [www.community-concepts.org](http://www.community-concepts.org).

### Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

### Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

## Library hours

**Andover Library:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m.

Tel: 392-4841

**Bethel Library:** Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

**Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond:** Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

**West Paris Library, West Paris:** Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

**Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover:** Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

*Calendar items: Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to [news@bethelcitizen.com](mailto:news@bethelcitizen.com) or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.*

# Church Services

## ALBANY

**Congregational Church - Hunts Corner,** 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

## ANDOVER

**First Congregational Church - Rev. Linda Couture,** pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

**Calvary Bible Church - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.**

## BETHEL

**Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road,** Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

**Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel.** Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136, or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

**Episcopal House Church of Bethel - Meets usually the third Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. (winter) and 4 p.m. (summer). FMI 824-3226 or 824-3932.**

**Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 285 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26).** Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

**West Parish Congregational - Church Street.** Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

**United Methodist - 79 Main Street.** Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

**West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School.** FMI: 836-3533.

**Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher.** Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

**Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship:** Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

## EAST STONEHAM

**Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the**

North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

## LOCKE'S MILLS

**Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey.** Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

## NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM

**Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery.** On July 20 a special-and casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

## NORWAY/PARIS

**First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris.** Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

**North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris.** Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singsperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

**Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012**

**Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway.** Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail [christch@megalink.net](mailto:christch@megalink.net).

**First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill.** 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

**St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.**

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.**

## GORHAM, N.H.

**Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen.** Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m., FMI: 603-466-2851.

**Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each**

month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

## OXFORD

**St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.** 276 King St. Oxford.

**Our Lady of Ransom:** Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## RUMFORD

**St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced.** Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

**Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.** Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Friday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 4 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows; Bethel; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford.

### Praise Assembly of God -

Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

## RUMFORD POINT

**Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.**

## SUMNER

**East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor.** Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

## WEST PARIS

**First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris.** 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

**West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St.** Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club) 6 p.m. Wednesday, Ladies' Bible Study Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

**Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farum, pastor.** Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

## WOODSTOCK

**Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones.** Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

**Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson** 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

**Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)** - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

**Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)** - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Lyme Disease Support and Education Group;** meetings to restart in Bethel at Telstar High School from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning April 15. Will discuss the future of the group, ideas on re-structuring, increasing and stabilize attendance, etc. Come hear our ideas and share yours. If you have Lyme Disease, love someone with Lyme Disease or want to learn more about Lyme Disease, please join us.

**District Exchange;** Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Bethel Area Food Pantry;** serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

**Artist David Wolfe Display at Gould through April 15;** Gould Academy's Owen Art Gallery is displaying the works of artist David Wolfe. David Wolfe is the proprietor of Wolfe Editions, a letterpress and fine art print studio in Portland Maine. David has taught book design and book arts at The Maine College of Art, Bowdoin College, Wellesley College, and Dartmouth College, along with ongoing letterpress and book arts classes in his own studio. He was the Master Printmaker for the 2009 winter residency program at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. David is the 2010 Traditional Arts Fellow of the Maine Arts Commission, honoring his thirty years of letterpress printing in Maine.

## Thursday, April 9

**WMSC To Your Health Presents Joyful Living;** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Speakers include Ellen Crocker, retired psychotherapist, Jewel Clark, professional musician, and Karen Swanson, yoga teacher. They will offer reflections on aging and how music and body movement can help us rise to the challenges. FMI: Rosabelle Tiff (824-2053).

**Pennacook Art Center Reception;** 5 to 7 p.m., River Valley Technology Center, 60 Lowell Street, Rumford. Meet the artists and view the art. Music by Dennis Moro. Light refreshments.

**Ballroom Dancing;** Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time with instructor Bridget Whitman. Tuition: \$75/couple, \$35/single. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

## Friday, April 10

**Alder River Grange 145 Meeting;** 6 p.m. potluck supper, 7 p.m. meeting. The meeting will be held at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street in Bethel as there is still too much snow at the Hall.

**Civil War Movies in April - Glory;** 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

## Saturday, April 11

**Smile Fund Yard Sale;** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Proceeds to benefit adult denture program in the SAD 44 region. Bring toys, tools, plants, books, gardening items to the church starting Monday, April 6 through Thursday April 9 in the afternoon. FMI contact Jane Chandler, 357-3524.

**American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale;** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

**Swingin' Bears Square Dance;** 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hill Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Husband and wife team Kip and Linda Moulton will be calling and cueing for the evening. Refreshments will be available starting at 8 p.m. Door prizes. 50/50 drawing. Admission: \$6, non-dancers welcome at no charge. FMI: Eleanor Herick (782-4050) or swinginbears.squaredanceme.us.

## Sunday, April 12

**5th Annual Snowmobile Sledhead Mania;** Mt. Abram. Registration: 7 to 9 a.m., Racing begins at 9:30. Admission: \$10 (kids 5 and under, free). Hundreds of prizes, 50/50 raffle. No pets, please. FMI: 207-890-9720.

## Tuesday, April 14

**Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District;** 6 p.m., Greenwood Town Office.

**"Blame it on the Brain" Presentation on Adolescents;** 6 to 7 p.m., Mountain Valley High School. Karen Williams, MSSW will offer a free presentation about how the adolescent brain works and ways we can help our teenagers grow and stay resilient, confident and happy.

**Agnes Gray Student Art Opening;** 6 to 7:30 p.m., West Paris Library.

## April 16 and 26

**Hunter Safety - Firearms;** Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and

explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

## Friday, April 17

**Civil War Movies in April - Ambrose Bierce:** Civil War Stories; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

## Tuesday, April 21

**Maine Civil War Photography;** 6:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Guest speaker, Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Maine State Historian, will present his lecture Maine Civil War Photography. Shettleworth will illustrate how Maine citizens were impacted during the Civil War at home and in the battlefield using photographic slides. For more information and to sign up for this free program please call the library's information desk at 743-5309 ext. 1.

## Wednesday, April 22

**Bring Back Casablanca Nite;** 3 to 9 p.m., Pat's Pizza, Bethel. Pat's pizza will donate up to \$12 to the Bring Back Casablanca fund with any pizza purchase. One night only, dine in or takeout. FMI: Donna (836-3953 or [patspizzaofbethel@hotmail.com](mailto:patspizzaofbethel@hotmail.com)).

## Thursday, April 23

**Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop;** 9 a.m. (check-ins begin at 8:30), Cummings Hall, First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road, Paris. Candace Gilpatrick, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer and Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery will lead a workshop on farm pond construction and stocking your private pond with trout. The morning workshop will end at 11:30 and be followed by lunch and a field trip to a local farm pond for a "walk and talk." \$20 per person. Pre-registration by April 22 required. FMI/Registration: 743-5789 ext. 111 or [oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com).

**Wooden Pen Making Demonstration;** 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Gary Gallant of Rumford will demonstrate the art of making wooden pens. He will also have finished pens to show. The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

**4th Thursday in April, National Poetry Month;** 5:30 to 7, Rumford Public Library. The 4th Thursday meeting offers poetry lovers the opportunity to share, their own works or those of favorite poets. Come, bring a friend, bring a poem and celebrate National Poetry Month. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. Information: 364-3661.

**Poet Rachel McKibben at Gould;** 7:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium. Poet, activist, playwright and essayist, Rachel McKibbens is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of the critically acclaimed volume of poetry, *Pink Elephant* (Cypher Books, 2009). Regarded as one of the most dynamic speakers in the country, McKibbens is a legend within the poetry slam community, noted for her accomplishments both on and off the stage: she is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member, has appeared on eight NPS final stages, coached the New York louderARTS poetry slam team to three consecutive final stage appearances, is the 2009 Woman of the World Poetry Slam champion and the 2011 National Underground Poetry Slam individual champion.

## Friday, April 24

**Civil War Movies in April - Cold Mountain;** 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

## Saturday, April 25

**Indoor Yard Sale;** 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Locke's Mills Union Church. Put on by the Ladies Circle. **Local and Legendary:** Maine in the Civil War/BHS Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society. "Lincoln and the Civil War," marking the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865. Special display of a Lincoln portrait presented to Gould Academy in 1911, as well as original documents signed by Lincoln from a private collection. Free and open to the public.

## Monday, April 27

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

## Wednesday, April 29

**Community Supper (No Charge);** Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

## May 1 and 2

**Andover School Arts Program Fundraiser;** Friday, spaghetti dinner and dance. Saturday, Family Fun Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many events for children and families to participate in. Free cookout lunch for Andover residents. FMI: Carol (392-3161).

## Friday, May 1

**Animal Communication Talk/Potluck;** 6 p.m. potluck (bring a dish to share), 7 p.m. talk, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Nancy Hohmann will talk about animal communication. Donations accepted to benefit Responsible Pet Care. FMI: 824-2073.

**Poetry Reading/Talk with Richard Blanco;** 7 p.m., Second Congregational Church, UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. Blanco will present a reading of poetry and prose and a talk entitled, "Just

Tell Me a Story: Writing the Memoir," which will discuss his memoir "The Prince of Los Cocuyos" (Ecco, 2014) along with his experiences as the 2013 Inaugural Poet. Following a question and answer period, Blanco will be available to sign books. Books N Things of Norway will be in-house providing books for purchase. General admission: \$10. Tickets available at the Norway Memorial Library at 258 Main Street, Norway and Books N Things at 430 Main Street, Norway.

## Saturday, May 2

**Inside/Outside Yard Sale;** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., VFW Hall, 58 Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Tables are \$10. Lunch Counter will be open. Call Marilyn Ramsay at 743-5723 if interested in a table.

**Old Fashioned Barn Dance/Potluck;** 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. concert, 8 p.m. dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10, children under 16 half-price. FMI: 824-2073.

**Franklin Grange 124 Mock Hee-Haw Show;** 7 p.m., Grange Hall, Main Street, Bryant Pond. Live music by John Sparrow, the Milltown Road Show, Richard Felt, Brad Hooper, the Shadagee Ramblers and more. Refreshments available. Door Prizes. 50/50 raffle. Admission: \$6/adults, \$3/children under 12.

## Sunday, May 3

**Meals on Wheels Fundraiser;** 2 to 5 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Live music by the Shadagee Ramblers, 50/50 raffle, snacks. \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to older adults who are homebound and cannot cook for themselves. Proceeds will go toward ending a waitlist of over 100 in the tri-county region. FMI: 1-800-427-1241 or [info@seniorsplus.org](mailto:info@seniorsplus.org).

## Monday, May 4

**Socrates Café Meeting;** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion Topic: How Can We Achieve Social Equity? Moderator: Scott Vlaun. Light refreshments will be provided. FMI: 583-6957.

## Wednesday, May 6

**Vote on Proposed Region 9 School of Applied Technology Budget;** Region 9 School of Applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico.

## Saturday, May 9

**Hope Association Spring Craft Fair;** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: Sally Theriault (364-4561).

**American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale;** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

## May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17

**Quick Start Workshop on Starting a Business;** 6 to 8 p.m., Community Concepts Conference Room, 17 Market Square, South Paris. Instructors include Dana Hanley, Esq. of Hanley & Associates, Daryl Cote, CPA, with Ouelette & Associates, PA and Oxford Hills SCORE business counselors Steve Veazey, John Huffman and Charlie Peabody. \$50 for the series, \$10 for an individual workshop. FMI: 743-6543 or [mpurcell@community-concepts.org](mailto:mpurcell@community-concepts.org).

## Thursday, May 14

**Cooking Gluten Free;** 5:30 to 8 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. A living gluten free cooking workshop will be offered by Suzanne Dunham, gluten free baker and herbalist. The class will begin with a brief presentation about going gluten free. The cooking session will be hands on preparation of two gluten free dishes, and will include tips about using alternative flours in cooking. Handouts and recipes will be provided. Tuition: \$12. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

## May 15, 16 and 17

**15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair;** Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: [www.homegarden-flowershow.com](http://www.homegarden-flowershow.com) or 800-359-2033.

## Saturday, May 16

**Rumford Auxiliary Yard Sale;** Members of the Auxiliary will be at 209 Lincoln Avenue on Friday mornings during May to accept donations from the public for the yard sale. Pick up for donations to the sale can be arranged by calling 364-3648 or at 562-4343. The Auxiliary accepts everything except major appliances and clothing. Furniture, rugs, kitchen goods, books and office items are big sellers. All proceeds are donated to Rumford Hospital.

## Sunday, May 17

**Local and Legendary:** Bethel, Maine in the Civil War - Final Celebration; 4 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, featuring The Androscoggin Chorale Chamber Singers and the dramatic presentation of "My Dear Absent Husband" based on the actual letters of Stephen and Lydia Richards of Upton.

## June 13 and 20

**Photography Class;** Telstar High School, Room 133. This is an introduction to digital photography course for those who are looking to improve their photography skills. Topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to, basic camera functions, light use, portraiture and landscapes, and basic editing techniques. This course is for those using both digital point-and-shoot and DSLR cameras. Bring your camera. Tuition: \$25. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHY SHOULD YOU NEVER TELL PIGS ANY OF YOUR SECRETS?

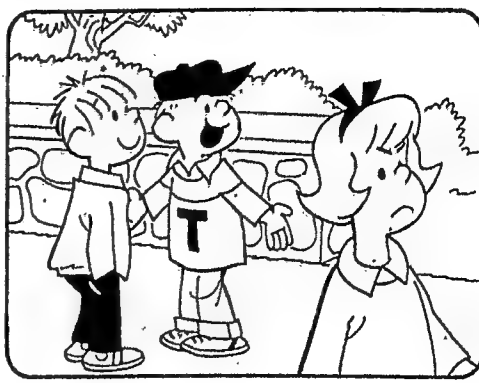
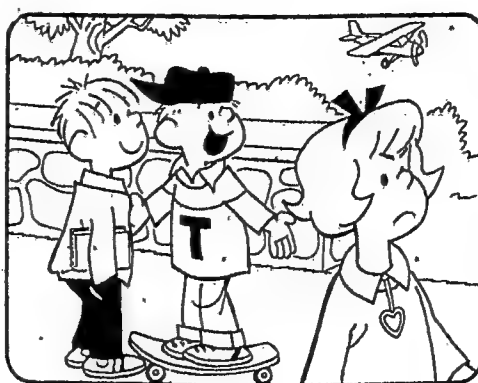
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:  
1. Book is missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Skateboard is missing. 4. Airplane is missing. 5. Hair is shorter. 6. Necktie is missing.

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals T

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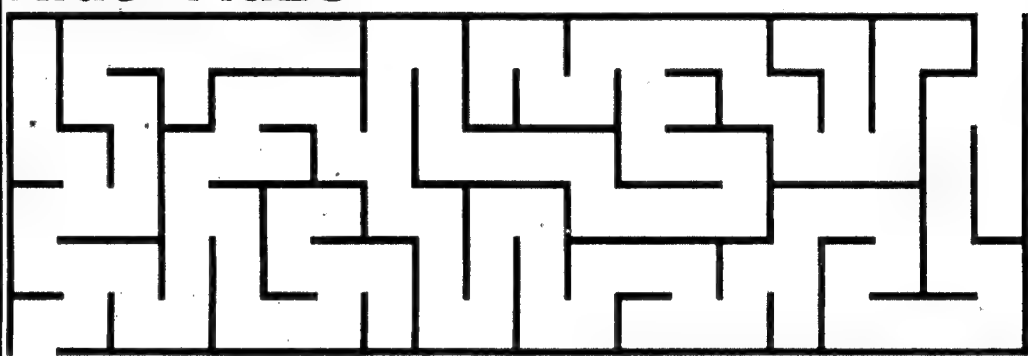
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## Kids' Maze

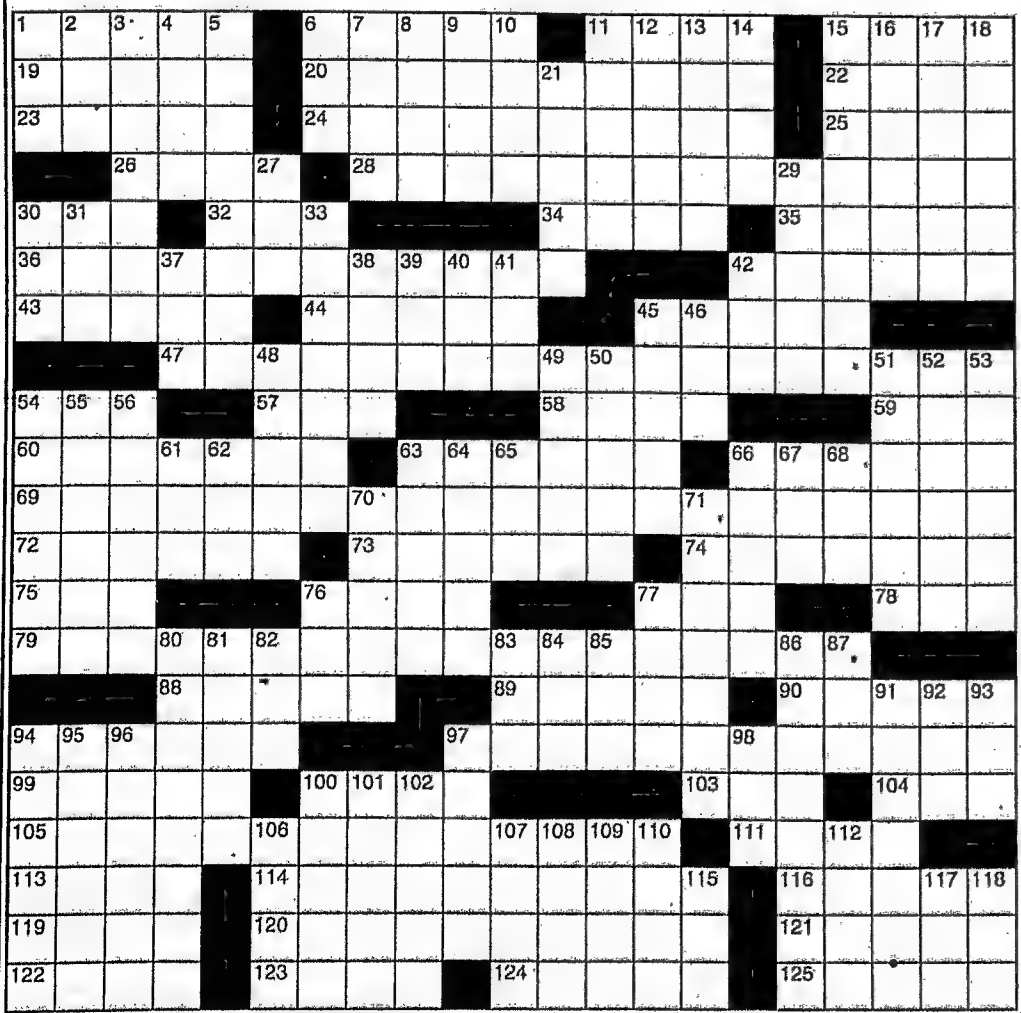


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## Super Crossword

MIXED BLESSING

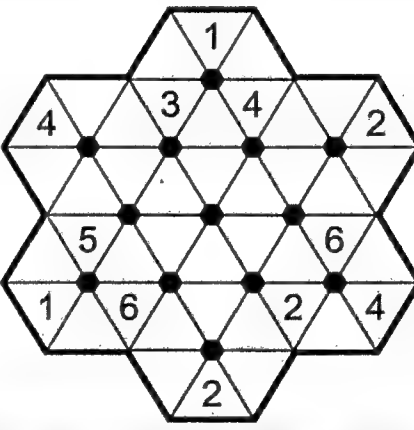
- ACROSS**
- 1 Emmy, e.g.
  - 6 Explorer —
  - 11 Milne's bear
  - 15 Hospital VIPs
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  - 20 It's made of milk, flour and butter
  - 22 Sharing the secret of
  - 23 "The Matrix" star Reeves
  - 24 Unit equal to 0.338 fluid ounce
  - 25 Knock off
  - 26 Stage muggers
  - 28 Beating the former best
  - 30 4x4, briefly
  - 32 Lousy
  - 34 Ian Fleming's alma mater
  - 35 Jaded
  - 36 Online comparison shopping site
  - 42 More nasty
  - 43 Dance in Rio
  - 44 Has a bowl
  - 45 Prenatal chambers
  - 47 Locker, e.g.
  - 54 U.S. enlistees
  - 57 Arrest, as a perp
  - 58 Tiddlywink or Frisbee
  - 59 How — (DIYers' books)
  - 60 Jurist Scalia
  - 63 Novelist Graham
  - 66 Camphor or fructose
  - 69 Need-for-speed adage adapted from the Bible
  - 72 Road salt
  - 73 "It's about time!"
  - 74 Separates after a multiplayer tackle
  - 75 Edifice extension
  - 76 Debate side
  - 77 — Khan (Islamic imam)
  - 78 Wide shoe spec
  - 79 Building up to the loudest point
  - 88 Parliament's House of —
  - 89 "With a Little — Luck"
  - 90 Piece-of-cake class
  - 94 Fold, spindle or mutilate
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  - 100 Cannonballs and such
  - 103 Pro-learning union: Abbr.
  - 104 Healthful getaway
  - 105 Backlash
  - 111 Banks of modeling
  - 113 Catch with one's ears
  - 114 "Viva Las Vegas" co-star
  - 116 Ancient Greek colony
  - 119 — Stanley Gardner
  - 120 Not trued up
  - 121 Kids' caretaker
  - 122 Changed the color of
  - 123 Favorable votes
  - 124 Actor Mike
  - 125 Meal blessing that's "mixed" and hidden in seven answers in this puzzle
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  - 9 Descartes
  - 9 Carrie Chapman —
  - 10 Drop
  - 11 Latex, e.g.
  - 12 Money spent
  - 13 Sailor's site
  - 14 German man
  - 15 Deny
  - 16 Borrowed
  - 17 Not smooth
  - 18 — of Berlin (snack brand)
  - 21 More crafty
  - 27 Get less taut
  - 29 Late film critic Roger
  - 30 Happy times
  - 31 — la-la
  - 33 Silcom psychiatrist
  - 37 "2 Broke Girls" airer
  - 38 Sled breed
  - 39 Sizable
  - 40 Comb insect
  - 41 Key near F1
  - 42 Sea, to Gigi
  - 45 Flustered
  - 46 Tic-toe link
  - 48 Chilling, as champagne
  - 49 Playwright Clifford
  - 50 City in North Dakota
  - 51 Star, in Nice
  - 52 Having no service charge
  - 53 — ily (African pest)
  - 54 Congregate
  - 55 Gobble down
  - 56 — Ariols
  - 61 "... will!" (threat ender)
  - 62 — Geo Wild
  - 63 Must, slangily
  - 64 Holy artifact
  - 65 Jose's "that"
  - 66 "— & Kel" (teen show)
  - 67 Psychic skill
  - 68 Prefix with light
  - 70 Turf groups
  - 71 Real
  - 76 So-so link (mess up)
  - 80 Made a racket
  - 81 Hulk of a wrestler?
  - 82 Furioussness
  - 83 Slugging stat
  - 84 Essen "a"
  - 85 Enhaloed Fr. lady
  - 86 Deteriorating
  - 87 Padded tool
  - 91 Girl told not to cry in song
  - 92 "Uh-huh"
  - 93 "I'm — loss for words"
  - 94 Ran quickly
  - 95 Carolid, e.g.
  - 96 A pep talk may boost it
  - 97 Outspoken
  - 98 Receiving a pension: Abbr.
  - 100 Golf's Palmer, to pals
  - 101 High-IQ crew
  - 102 The — & the Papas
  - 106 Like venison
  - 107 Quick haircut
  - 108 Punker Pop
  - 109 Alençon's department
  - 110 At no time, in verse
  - 112 Mimic a tiger
  - 115 Saints' stats
  - 117 Yellow pages abbr.
  - 118 Favorable vote



## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦

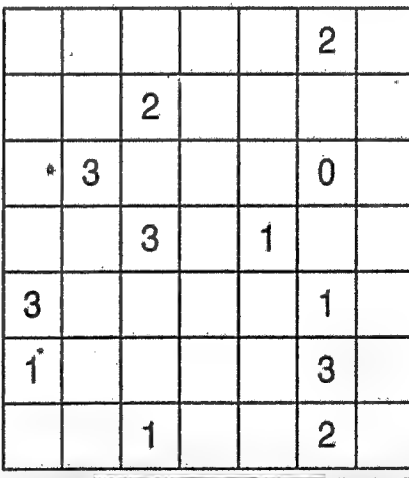
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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## Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

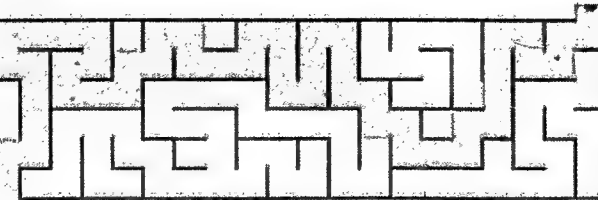
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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Kids' Maze Solution

**SCRAMBLERS**  
1. Haster. 2. Silent. 3. Flauty. 4. Simple.  
Today's Word  
The Show Me State has very recently adopted a new tourism slogan: "Missouri loves company."

CryptoQuip

**Puzzles4Kids**  
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**Super Crossword**  
ANSWERS  
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1. Inquire  
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9. Favorable votes  
10. Actor Mike  
11. Meal blessing that's "mixed" and hidden in seven answers in this puzzle  
12. "2 Broke Girls" airer  
13. Sled breed  
14. Sizable  
15. Comb insect  
16. Key near F1  
17. Sea, to Gigi  
18. Flustered  
19. Tic-toe link  
20. Chilling, as champagne  
21. Playwright Clifford  
22. City in North Dakota  
23. Star, in Nice  
24. Having no service charge  
25. "... will!" (threat ender)  
26. — Geo Wild  
27. Must, slangily  
28. Holy artifact  
29. Jose's "that"  
30. "— & Kel" (teen show)  
31. Psychic skill  
32. Prefix with light  
33. Turf groups  
34. Real  
35. So-so link (mess up)  
36. Made a racket  
37. Hulk of a wrestler?  
38. Furioussness  
39. Slugging stat  
40. Essen "a"  
41. Enhaloed Fr. lady  
42. Deteriorating  
43. Padded tool  
44. Girl told not to cry in song  
45. "Uh-huh"  
46. "I'm — loss for words"  
47. Ran quickly  
48. Carolid, e.g.  
49. A pep talk may boost it  
50. Outspoken  
51. Receiving a pension: Abbr.  
52. Golf's Palmer, to pals  
53. High-IQ crew  
54. The — & the Papas  
55. Like venison  
56. Quick haircut  
57. Punker Pop  
58. Alençon's department  
59. At no time, in verse  
60. Mimic a tiger  
61. Saints' stats  
62. Yellow pages abbr.  
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# Backyard Reflections

BY SARA WRIGHT

## The Eastern Coyote

### - A Success Story

When I first moved to Andover I could hear the coyotes high pitched howls every night - a sound that I came to love. Occasionally during the day I would surprise one of the tawny 30 pound animals loping along with his nose to the ground. When I took my little dogs out after dark I was prudent and kept them on a leash. Sometimes I could see piercing golden eyes staring at me from the hill behind my house but none of these coyotes ever approached us. Even though I heard terrible stories about how these animals brutally killed deer I had a hard time believing what I was told because I fed the deer in my neighborhood and the few coyotes that visited regularly never bothered me, my dogs, or the deer.

Curiously, during the years I spent in Andover I also saw and heard what I thought were wolves. I raised Alaskan malamutes as a young woman and was familiar with wolf like behavior and the eerie howl of the malamute is uncannily similar to that of a wolf.

While researching the Coywolf (another, more accurate name for Eastern Coyotes) I discovered that my observations were supported by some of the literature that states that eastern and gray wolf hybrids have been seen in the northeastern United States for more than two decades. Current wolf range in southern Canada is only a hundred miles from the United States so it is possible, even probable that we do have some wolves in Maine. A few years ago I spent time on Cortez Island in British Columbia. There were two timber wolf (largest grey wolf) packs living in peace on the island and every night I listened to them sing. What a symphony.

When I moved into my log cabin I began to feed the deer and in all these years have never seen a coyote in this patch of woods, although I occasionally will meet one when I am hiking elsewhere. When I recently learned that only about 20 percent of a coyote's diet is made up of deer, which are usually preyed on by coyotes in late winter or early spring when the snow is deepest, I wasn't surprised because this new information supported almost 30

years of my personal observations as a naturalist. One study (NYU) of radio collared coyotes examined deer carcasses visited by coyotes in 2008-2009 showed that only 8 percent of deer were actually killed by coyotes. The remaining 92 percent were scavenged by coyotes, after being killed by vehicles/disease/humans. Most of the coyote's diet consists of smaller mammals - squirrels, rabbits, rodents, weasels, raccoons, possums, muskrats, amphibians, snakes, grass, nuts and berries. Of course, some coyotes will take down sheep, and other individuals will eat chickens and other livestock, cats and small dogs, giving this otherwise useful predator a bad name. My attitude has always been that it is up to me to be a responsible caregiver with respect to the animal companions in my life. I take precautions because I could hardly blame a coyote for putting Chihuahuas on the menu if I left mine alone outdoors unsupervised.

About 20 years ago I first heard the term "coy-dog" used to describe coyotes by a neighbor of mine. I objected to this terminology on principle because I knew

by then that wild dog and coyote reproductive cycles don't overlap and dogs and coyotes don't LIKE each other. Feral dogs breed in the fall and give birth in the winter while coyotes breed in the spring, something northern trappers didn't know apparently when they coined the term. They were basing this classification on the coyote pelts that were being brought in that looked more like German Shepard dogs. Recent DNA studies closed the argument; dogs do not normally interbreed with wolves or coyotes in the wild.

Curiously, during the last century (1920s) trappers began to notice other differences besides the color changes in fur in some of the coyotes that were killed for their pelts or as "vermin." The skulls of some of these animals were larger and broader; they had bigger, more powerful jaws, changes in dentition - larger teeth, longer legs and larger feet with bushier tails. These animals were also bigger; some running 50 to 60 plus pounds.

Meet the Eastern Coyote, Coywolf, or Bush Wolf whose genetic makeup includes that of the western

coyote, the eastern and grey wolf but who is better adapted to hunting larger prey because of his size and the length of his legs, and who because of his coyote genes has little fear of humans because he has learned to cohabit with them in urban areas as well as in the wild. Eastern wolf genes may help the coyote survive in regions where he might otherwise be extirpated, keeping the "wolf" alive in an adapted form. The Eastern Coyote looks more wolf-like with a shorter snout and erect ears, has a heavier chest, and is about five feet long including its tail weighing in at anywhere from 35 to 60 pounds.

The Coywolf's habits are similar to the coyote. Both normally travel 10 to 15 miles a day even in urban areas and select a lifelong mate. These animals are incredibly vocal. One coyote/Coywolf can sound like twenty; each has an incredible repertoire or vocabulary of sounds. Small family groups (3-5) are composed of parents and a sibling or two who stay to help the adults rear other pups. The adults usually hunt alone, or in pairs, rarely in packs. Territories range from one

to 25 miles. A litter of four to nine pups is born late in the spring and both parents care for the offspring who will remain with the parents for a few months before striking out on their own. If too many adults are killed both coyotes and Coywolves compensate by having larger litters so it is impossible to eradicate either of these creatures. In fact, killing them just increases their numbers. These very social and adaptable animals are found in both rural and urban communities like Massachusetts, New York, Chicago, and Toronto where they coexist with humans living in close proximity to them without being seen. Neither of these animals poses a threat to humans under normal circumstances.

How did the Bush Wolf or Coywolf evolve so quickly? When colonists first came to this country, Canada and the northeast was populated by wolves, both eastern and grays. Hunting, poisoning, deforestation, and conversion of forests to agriculture by colonists led to eventual extirpation of wolves in the northeast, and grey wolves

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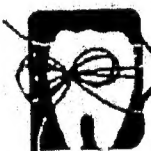
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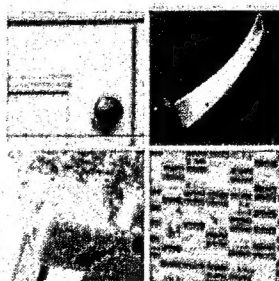
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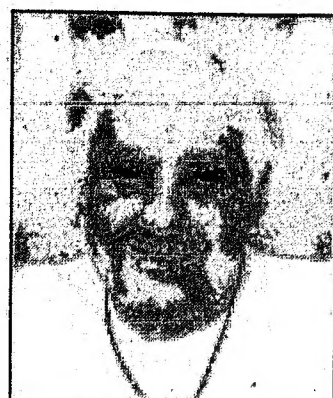
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## Obituaries



HENNI POLAK

Henni Polak, 94, died peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at her home at the Osher Inn in Portland after a long illness.

Henni was born in Mannheim, Germany on July 21, 1920 to Solomon and Leah Elter, Polish Jews. Her childhood in Germany was made very difficult by the rise of the Nazis. One of her first experiences with German anti-Semitism was in school when one of her teachers instructed the class on the racial inferiority of Jews. She contradicted him with the bravery that was a hallmark of her life, by forcefully refuting her teacher's accusations in front of the entire class.

In November 1938, she personally experienced Kristallnacht, the infamous day when over 1,000 German synagogues were burned and 30,000 arrested and sent to concentration camps. Nazi thugs came up to her family's apartment and threatened her and her family but she stood up to them and didn't back down.

Her two sisters and two of her brothers were able to get out of Germany early enough and they immigrated to Israel. In October of 1940, Henni and her mother Leah, along with all the Jews

in the upper Rhine area of Germany, were deported to the Gurs Concentration Camp in the French Pyrenees. In 1940 before the Final Solution was established, the Nazis were planning to ship all the Jews to Madagascar, then a French colony, and it would have been easier to ship them from southern France.

She was able to get out of Gurs Concentration Camp with the help of Abbé Alexandre Glasberg, a Catholic priest who was born Jewish. Unfortunately, her freedom was short lived as she was re-arrested by the French authorities and placed in another concentration camp, Les Milles, near Marseilles. The Vichy French government was periodically emptying these camps and sending the Jews to Auschwitz. She avoided numerous selections and eventually escaped Les Milles by climbing over mattresses placed on the barbed wire.

Her mother, left behind in Gurs, eventually was transported by SNCF, the French national railroad, to her death in Auschwitz. Ironically, her mother was born in Oswiecim, the nearby Polish town that was translated into the German name, Auschwitz. Another brother, Gustav Elter, was murdered in the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp months before the end of the war. Her father, Solomon, who was deported from Germany in the 1930's, disappeared in Italy during the war, and the family never found out what happened to him.

Henni was able to survive the rest of WWII in France as Marie Louise Roth, with the help of Arthur Schnel-



**EASTER SUNRISE ON PARADISE**—The people came, the sun rose, and all was well at the ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the Chadbourne site on Paradise Hill led by Patricia Boyle Wight of West Parish Congregational Church and accompanied on the guitar by Rev. Peter Carter of the Bethel Nazarene Church. Submitted photo

rer, the father of her eldest son, Raymond, and with false identity papers given to her by the French Resistance.

She had to be brave to bluff the French police who stopped her a number of times to check her identity papers. Once, while in Lyons, France, she entered a public building to visit a Jewish social agency. Her sixth sense told her something was wrong and she quickly backtracked and got out just in time. The Gestapo was in that office arresting everyone and deported them all to Auschwitz.

Betty and Roger Langman, two French Jews and themselves in hiding, helped her survive the war. They are the parents and grandparents respectively of Claude Berri, the French film director and Thomas Langman, French film producer, both Academy award winners. After the war ended, she went to Paris and eventually through the Langmans' matchmaking she was introduced to and married Bernard Polak, her husband of many years.

She and her family immigrated to New York in 1953, settling in Brooklyn and then the Rockaways in Queens. Like many immigrants, she worked in a garment factory sewing labels into sweaters. She was very proud to be able to complete the education denied her in Germany by finishing a high school equivalency diploma.

With that diploma she was able to get a clerical job in an insurance company.

In 2001, after her husband Bernard Polak passed away, she moved to the Atrium at the Cedars in Portland where she lived happily for many years until 2013 when due to her declining health she moved next door to assisted living at the Osher Inn. She was treated with great dignity, respect and love in both places.

She loved reading, especially biographies. She had an excellent self-taught knowledge of world geography, history, and politics. Her other interests included needlepoint and traveling. Henni spoke four languages, German, Yiddish, French, and English.

The family especially wants to thank the staffs of the Cedars in Portland, the VNA Hospice program, and Lincs to Home, who all provided extraordinary care and love during her last days.

She is survived by her son, Marcel Polak, and daughter in law, Emily Ecker, of Woodstock and son, Raymond Polak, and daughter in law, Marlene Polak, of Cinnaminson, N.J.; four grandchildren, Alicia Polak of Berkeley, Calif., Amanda Tescluba of Toronto, Canada, Allan Polak of Durham, N.C., and Rachel Silver of Capitola, Calif.; six great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces also survive her. Her brothers and sisters predeceased her.

## Funeral Notices

### BILLY WHITE

A graveside service for Billy White will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at noon in Byron across from Garland Pond. A potluck

lunch will follow at the Byron School House, across from Coos Canyon Store and picnic area. For more information, call 562-4457 and leave a message.

## Reflections

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in the maritime. The last wolf was shot a hundred years ago. By killing all the wolves, humans unwittingly created a niche that the western coyote began to fill by moving eastward in what is believed to be two waves. The first coyote wave went north and was traced through Algonquin Park, Ontario, where it mated with the eastern, and to a lesser degree with the grey wolf, allowing these new hybrids to colonize both the former eastern and grey wolf ranges and mix with any remnant wolf populations. Hybridization between the coyote and the eastern wolf was facilitated by the close relationship between the two species both of which diverged from a common ancestor 150,000 to 300,000 years ago. This population has a FIVE times faster colonization rate than coyotes without wolf genes answering the question of how the Coywolf evolved so rapidly.

The second coyote wave probably migrated from Indiana through Ohio mating with other hybrids. The Coywolf has colonized all of eastern North America and the southeast within the last 90 years! Although the coyote evolved as a hunter of small prey in the Great Plains, today the coyote is found throughout the entire continent and in the east the Eastern Coyote continues to expand its range southward.

The really good news is that the success of these Coywolf hybrids may signal a kind of natural resilience by nature in the face of sudden environmental change. Hybridization, once thought to be impossible is now understood as a method of speeding up evolution and occupies just as an important place in biology as divergent evolution.

Native Canadian Indigenous peoples deliberately bred coyotes and wolves to produce more resilient sled dogs up until the last century. The coyote is a prominent trickster character in Native American mythology. In his animal form he is a culture hero who rebels against social convention using deception and humor; Coyote is also portrayed as Elder Brother, a creator, seducer, and shapeshifter. In Zuni mythology he steals light and is responsible for bringing winter to the world. The Paiute believe that Wolf created Coyote as a companion; then the two created land by piling dirt on the water-covered earth.

I'm struck by the shapeshifting aspect of the coyote in folk lore. It seems that Coyote is still up to his own tricks since he has created a new version of himself as the Coywolf who now roams our forests and has learned to survive and thrive co-habiting with humans whether they like him or not.

The astonishing evolutionary success of the Coywolf in the face of wolf extirpation and coyote hatred also suggests that Nature cannot be subdued as easily as humans would like to think. I think the Coywolves are trying to teach us a lesson; we are not separate from nature we are part of her, and what we do to her will have consequences for us.

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